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Delhi-Whitehall Formula For Congress?



Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan,
Premier of Punjab.

SIR SIKANDAR ACTS THE GOOD SAMARITAN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

On being interviewed with reference to this evening Associated Press message as to whether he had been invited by Mahatma Gandhi and what were the chances of a communal settlement, Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan stated that last week a common friend suggested that he should see Mahatma, as they would both be in Delhi at the same time. Sir Sikandar informed him that he would be leaving Delhi on the evening of the 4th as he then intended, as Mahatma was not expected there till the morning of the 5th. It may not be possible for them to meet, but if Mahatma could reach Delhi on the 4th, he would be glad to talk things over with him and suggested to the common friend that he might get in touch with Wardha and find out if Mahatma could conveniently reach Delhi on the 4th to make a meeting possible.

MAHATMA ARRIVES EARLIER.

In reply to this message, Mahatma informed that he would reach Delhi a day earlier than originally contemplated. This message was communicated to Sir Sikandar on the evening of the 3rd from Lahore, wherein it was also intimated that Mahatma would be observing silence from 11 a.m. on the 4th and so he would be glad to see Sir Sikandar at 10 a.m.

Accordingly Sir Sikandar called on Mahatma on his arrival and had a talk, but he regretted that he could not make the substance of the talk public.

GANDHI ALWAYS WILLING.

During the course of the conversation, Mahatma mentioned that, so far as he was personally concerned, he on his part would always be glad to meet Mr. Jinnah if he desired it. Sir Sikandar communicated this to Mr. Jinnah who also expressed his willingness to meet Mahatma if and when desired.—A. P.

MAHATMA ARE OUR POLITICAL WEAPON, SAYS M. N. ROY

PATNA, Feb. 4.

Addressing a mammoth meeting on the Bankipore lawn this evening Mr. M. N. Roy said: "Ours is a political fight and not an armed one. For that, we must have a political weapon. Our masses are that political weapon."

"We must not be impatient," he added, "but should realise our strength and take advantage of the progress already made. It is necessary to give political education to train a political army. Congress Committees should be formed in every village to organise the masses."

Mr. Roy disapproved the idea of starting the fight without necessary preparation.

Prospects Of Viceroy- Mahatma Interview

SIR SIKANDAR'S SPECIAL MISSION TO DELHI

Gandhiji May Meet Jinnah For Communal Settlement Negotiations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

Speculation is rife in political circles here with regard to the outcome of Mahatma-Viceroy talks which will take place to-morrow.

FORMULA TO BE EVOLVED

It is surmised that the Viceroy would communicate the substance of a formula, in response to the Congress demand, which appears to have been evolved as a result of communications between Delhi and Whitehall.

This will involve more than one meeting between Mahatma and the Viceroy before it assumes a mutually satisfactory text and shape.



Marquis of Linlithgow, Viceroy
of India.

JINNAH AGREES TO MEET MAHATMA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

Gandhiji and party arrived this morning, and drove to Birla House.

Sir Sikandar was with Gandhiji for 45 minutes.

Soon afterwards, Gandhiji started his silence which will be broken in time for to-morrow's interview with the Viceroy.

Immediately after Gandhiji's arrival at Birla House, the first persons to see him were Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan, Premier of the Punjab and Mr. Makbul Mahmud, Secretary of the Chamber of Princes.

MAHATMA-JINNAH TALKS AGAIN.

A meeting between Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah in Delhi is understood to have become certain.

It appears that at this morning's meeting of the Working Committee of the Muslim League, Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan, Premier of the Punjab explained that at Gandhiji's request, they had a talk earlier in the morning at Birla House at which Gandhiji expressed his desire to meet Mr. Jinnah.

Mr. Jinnah is reported to have said that, he would be glad to see Mahatma at any time.—A. P.

SET-BACK IN RAJEN BABU'S HEALTH

PATNA, Feb. 4.

Babu Rajendra Prasad's health had a sudden set-back, the temperature rising to 100 to-day.

His doctor has advised him not to attend to his correspondence or allow any visitors for one week.—United Press.

MAHATMA-VICEROY INTERVIEW TO-DAY

It appears that Gandhiji merely received a brief telegraphic communication from the Viceroy's House ten days ago, proposing February 5, 11 a.m. for an interview. Beyond that no communication seems to have recently passed between the Mahatma and the Viceroy.

MAHATMA TO MEET JINNAH

It appears that in case to-morrow's interview suggests possibilities of an early and honourable settlement, Mahatma would stay on and summon Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other members of the Congress War Sub-Committee. In case its outcome is not much satisfactory, Gandhiji might en-train for Wardha even to-morrow evening. That may not happen for another reason, namely, the possibility of another Gandhiji-Jinnah meeting.—United Press.

WHY GANDHIJI LEFT WARDHA, A DAY EARLIER

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

For the last few days reports have been current in Delhi that the Punjab Premier would make another effort towards a 'rap-prochement' between the Congress and the League, and political observers feel that this meeting with Gandhiji was with that objective.

In fact it is said that Gandhiji left Wardha a day earlier to be able to have talks with Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan at the latter's urgent request.—United Press.

TAMIL NADU LOYAL TO MAHATMA

ATTUR, Feb. 4.

The Tamil Nadu Provincial Conference, on re-assembling this evening, unanimously adopted a resolution expressing rejoicings at Mahatma Gandhi's coming forward to lead the nation, and endorsing wholeheartedly the Congress Working Committee's statements and decisions on the war.—United Press.

Madras M.L.A. Gives Salary To D.C.C.

TENALI, Feb. 4.

"This is as it should be. Let us hope that this example will be copied by others," says Gandhiji in a letter addressed to the President of the Guntur District Congress Committee congratulating Mr. K. Chandramouli, M.L.A., on his decision to make over his salary as M.L.A. to the District Congress Committee for Congress work.—United Press.



Mahatma Gandhi who will
meet Viceroy to-day.

PRESIDENTSHIP OF NEXT CONGRESS

Only Two Nominations Received

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 4.

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee, announces that February 4 being the last date for sending in nominations for the presidency of the Ramgarh Session of the Congress, the

BOMBAY NOMINATES ABUL KALAM

Sixteen members of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have addressed a letter to the Congress President suggesting Moulana Abul Kalam Azad for the Congress Presidency for the ensuing year.

A. I. C. C. office has received the names of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Mr. M. N. Roy for the presidency.

TIME FOR WITHDRAWAL

The Congress Constitution, he says, allows ten days' time for any of the candidates to withdraw his candidature if he so desires and to inform the General Secretary to that effect.

A meeting of the delegates in each province will be held on February 15 for the election of the President, and the result of the presidential election will be announced by February 18.—United Press.

CONGRESS SECURES MAJORITY

MADRAS, Feb. 4.

In the elections held recently the Congress has secured thirty-five out of fifty-two seats in the Kistna District Board. This is the first time that the Congress commands a majority in the Kistna Board.

A similar majority has been secured in Malabar District by the Congress. Out of fifty-two seats in the Malabar Board, elections were held for fifty-one seats and the Congress have captured thirty-six seats. Independents secured 15.—United Press.

RAIDS FOR "RED" LITERATURE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

The local C. I. D. police, it is understood, raided the residences of Mr. Bahal Singh, General Secretary of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee, the Secretary of the Delhi Students' Federation and three other Congressmen in quest of Communist literature. Nothing incriminating is reported to have been found.—United Press.

ONE KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

LONDON, Feb. 4.

One was killed and several other passengers injured, when

Balkan Plan To Keep Out War

Entente Gets Life Of Another Seven Years

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The following Communiqué was issued at Belgrade after the meeting of the Balkan Entente according to the Copenhagen Wireless: "The four members of the Entente in an atmosphere of cordial co-operation agreed on the following points:

- Firstly, preservation of peace in common interests of the member States.
- Secondly, to continue the policy of excluding war from their part of Europe.
- Thirdly, to maintain the closest co-operation between the States of the Entente.
- Fourthly, to establish friendly relations with neighbouring peoples.
- Fifthly, to intensify collaboration in commerce and transport between member States.
- Sixthly, to prolong the Balkan Pact by another seven years.
- Seventhly, to maintain close contact between the Foreign Ministers of the member States until the next Conference at Athens in February, 1940."

Russo-Bulgarian Trade Treaty

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The Supreme Soviet Council ratified the trade treaty with Bulgaria concluded on January 5.

Britain Must Abandon All Claims To Special Rights In Colonies, Says Attlee

LONDON, February 3.

Broadcasting, Mr. C. R. Attlee criticised the condemnation in the first place of German aggression which bred more violence and allowed ruthless cruelty to become rampant.

He described Nazism as an outstanding menace to civilisation not only because of the character of the actions of the men in absolute control of the great nation. But because their ideas openly conflicted with all conceptions upon which civilized life was based. It was left to Germans to make breaches of these conceptions a regular practice and to glory in them and to glory in cruelty atrocities.

Mr. Attlee declared his belief that "we are fighting for something greater than the safety of our own country we are fighting the battle of civilization against barbarism. If Britain wished to persuade others that she wished to free the world of economic imperialism, she must press forward a policy of self-government wherever practical; she must abandon all claims to special rights and be prepared to bring all colonial territories under the mandatory principle and extend and widen the scope of international control."—Reuter.

POLISH PRIMATE'S APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Although enduring a wave of unparalleled atrocities and cruelties, the Polish nation is undaunted in spirit, declared Cardinal Hlond, the Primate of Poland, in a letter written from Rome to members of American Clergy quoted by the "Catholic News."

Cardinal Hlond entreated that there should be no relaxation of assistance to Poland.—Reuter.

'Quake Rocks Turkey Again

ANKARA, FEB. 4.

FORTY-FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND SCORES BADLY INJURED WHEN TWO VILLAGES WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF ERZINDJAN AS THE RESULT OF ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE.

THE TREMORS HAD BEEN FELT DAILY SINCE DECEMBER 27 THROUGHOUT NORTHERN ANATOLIA BUT MORE FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

THE SORELY-TRIED POPULATION IS DECLARED TO BE IN A STATE OF TERROR.—REUTER.

London Scouts 'Absurd' Nazi Claim

COURAGE OF BR. SEAMEN IN NORTH SEA

Banks Of Rhine Resound To Fusillades From Both Sides

LONDON, Feb. 4.

A German High Command Communiqué claimed to have sunk fourteen ships during yesterday's air-raids.

Absurd Claim

This claim is declared in authoritative circles in London to be "absurd".

While it is impossible to state the actual number of bombers involved it is estimated they numbered twelve at the most, of which at least three were shot down and it would be an impossibility for so small an attacking force to inflict the amount of damage claimed.

Little Damage Caused

It is learned that comparatively little damage was done by German bombers during Saturday's raid in proportion to their size. It is estimated that twenty bombers participated.

Shipping Losses

Regarding the German claim that they had sunk 145,603 tons of Allied and neutral shipping between January 21 and 31, it is unofficially estimated that 73,027 tons were sunk between these dates, of which sixteen ships, representing 46,475 tons were neutral, seven ships totalling 18,238 tons British and three ships representing 8,316 tons French.

Netherland's Ship Mined

BERLIN.—The official news agency states that the Netherlands steamer "Laertes" (5,825 tons) was mined in the English Channel and there is little hope of saving the ship. The majority of the crew have left her.

The agency adds that the Netherlands tanker "Mamura" has arrived at Rotterdam badly damaged after striking a mine.—Reuter.

SKIPPER WAS REAL HERO

British Seamen's Courage In Raids In North Sea

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Numerous instances of the courage of seamen and fishermen were revealed following the Nazi air-raids in the North Sea yesterday.

Two German air-craft bombed and machine-gunned the steamer "Yewdale" (823 tons), the machine-gun fire smashing the windows of the skipper and three members of the crew. Defying the danger, a fishing craft went out and aided the "Yewdale" to reach port safely, where except for broken windows, she showed little sign of the ordeal.

The Grimsby trawler "Rose of England" was bombed and machine-gunned by three German aircraft. It also escaped with little damage, though one of the

crew was slightly injured. A member of the crew stated that the Germans dropped nearly thirty bombs and added that the skipper "was the real hero." Sending the crew below to escape a hail of machinegun bullets, he remained alone in the wheelhouse and brought the ship safely into harbour.

CREWLESS SHIPS

Six members of the crew of the steamer "Kildale" (3,877 tons) were killed during the attack. Fifteen survivors landed at an east coast port. Two lifeboats searching for the "Kildale's" crew in response to an S.O.S. encountered the steamer "Harley" (400 tons), which was crewless and put two men aboard her, while an R.A.F. machine located a boat containing the "Harley's" crew of eight, one of whom was injured, and guided a fishing boat to their rescue.

Another steamer the name of which is at present unknown (approximately 2,000 tons), was also found crewless and was re-manned. The London steamer "Corland" is now safe at port.—Reuter.

FUSILLADES FROM BOTH SIDES

PARIS, Feb. 4.

The banks of the river Rhine have been echoing for the past 24 hours with fusillades between infantry on both sides, although exchanges appear to have little military significance.

On the western slopes of the Vosges and foothills, German patrols approached a French advance post but rapidly withdrew when the French opened fire.

Otherwise the Western Front was quiet. Weather prevented all air operations.—Reuter.

Two Nazi Raiders Shot Down?

LONDON, Feb. 4.

It is learned that during Saturday's airraids one R.A.F. fighter command squadron shot down two German raiders crippled the third and drove off the fourth, while (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar,
Bombay, 23rd January, 1940.

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II of the Rules for places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay 1914, made under Section 22, Sub-section (1) Clauses (f), (i), (g) and (h) of the City of Bombay Police Act 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council that, we Messrs KORA & BHATT, Architects, on behalf of our client, propose erecting a Cinema at Lamington Road on the ground belonging to Mrs. Bhikhubai Chandulal Jalundhewalla, J.P., admeasuring about 1240 Sq. Yds. and assessed under Municipal Lamington Road Ward No. 4539-4590 Street No. 100 and Ward No. 4591, Street No. 102 and registered under Collector's New Survey No. 271.

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S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar,
Bombay, 1940.

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COMMERCE COLLEGE AT WARDHA

Nava Bharat Vidyalaya Principal's Efforts

(From A Correspondent.)

WARDHA, Feb. 2.

Principal Nava Bharat Vidyalaya came back yesterday from Ahmedabad where he had gone to study the working of the H. L. College of Commerce which is run by the Ahmedabad Education Society. He had a long talk with Principal Gurumukh Singh, discussing the details of the "Maharashtra Mohota Commerce College" which is going to be started at Wardha in July 1940.

It is understood that Mr. Agarwal has already submitted an outline of the Courses in Commerce, for the consideration of the Academic Council of the Nagpur University. Mr. Agarwal has prepared a four years' course, including the Intermediate Commerce Course, for the B. Com. degree.

It is learnt that the Academic Council will appoint a Board of Studies in Commerce which will prepare the detailed Courses and submit them to the Executive Council in March or April, so that they may receive the sanction of the University in time, thus enabling the Commerce College at Wardha to function from July next.

Literacy Drive In U. P.

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 3.

Following in the footsteps of the Congress Government, the new U. P. Government propose to celebrate Literacy Day province-wide to-morrow. Arrangements have been made to celebrate the day in 144 centres. Separate committees have been appointed for propaganda. A report of work done during last year has been issued. Numerous messages have been received, including those from the Governor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pt. Malaviya, Sir Sitaram, Messrs. Purushottamdas Tandon, G. B. Pant, Sampurnanand, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Sir Shah Sulaiman, Sir J. P. Srivastava, Sir Maharajasingh.

The Governor says he trusts the enthusiasm with which the scheme started will not wane even though the Ministry, which inaugurated it is no longer in office.

Baroda Cotton Growers' Co-operative Society

(From Our Correspondent.)

BARODA, Feb. 3.

Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Dewan of Baroda will perform the opening ceremony of Cotton Growers' Co-operative Society at Kosamba on 6th February 1940 morning, at 11-30. This would be useful addition to co-operative ginning efforts made by the State Co-operative Department. Ahmad Mahammad Patel of Kosamba who takes keen interest in rural uplift activities of centre is President of the Society.

Moving Exhibition In Baroda

The Baroda Government have decided to hold a moving exhibition of different industries in the nature of a procession in Baroda City on Vasant Panchmi day, i.e. 13th February, 1940. The three best institutions taking part will be given prizes or medals.

CASE TO BE RE-TRIED

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Feb. 2.

"It is really surprising that the prosecution in charge of the case or the trial Magistrate did not notice the flagrant defects in the trial. There cannot be any doubt in the case that the conviction of the accused had proceeded on the evidence which was not proved in accordance with the provisions of law and on a perusal of the documents produced in evidence I am satisfied that there is a good 'prima facie' case made out against the accused" with these remarks Mr. A. K. Phadkar, Additional Sessions Judge, Thana reversed the conviction and sentence of one day's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 150 passed by Mr. A. S. A. Nawab, First Class Magistrate, Mahad against the appellant Gajanan Narayan Dharwad a trader of Dasgion Taluka and ordered an alleged offence under Sec. 414 I. P. C., (receiving stolen property).

The Judge ordered the accused (appellant) to be retried either by the District Magistrate, Kolaba, or by any Magistrate of competent jurisdiction subordinate to him other than the Magistrate who tried the case.

The facts in brief would appear to be that one Mahammad Hussein residing at Howick in Africa purchased in 1937, 5 British Postal Orders of one £ each and sent them in a registered cover to his relation at Dasgion.

The packet when delivered to the addressee was found to have as its contents only one Postal Order. Correspondence between the parties followed, a complaint was lodged and as a result of investigations, it transpired that the accused took possession of the remaining Postal Orders and handed the same over to one Tukaram Gujar in satisfaction of a debt. The accused was thus hauled up for the alleged offence of receiving stolen property dishonestly and disposing it off.

The feature of the trial adversely commented on by the Appellate Court was that the documentary evidence relied upon by the prosecution was not proved in accordance with the requirements of the Indian Evidence Act.

Mr. V. N. Chapekar Assistant Public Prosecutor, Kolaba, appeared for the Crown while Mr. W. E. Oke Advocate for the appellant.

RANGOON RETURNS TO NORMAL

Hooligan Elements Responsible For Riots

(From Our Correspondent.)

RANGOON, Feb. 2.

Apart from sporadic incidents and a slight nervousness among the citizens, Rangoon has largely recovered from the shock of the recent communal trouble. The first clash occurred on January 27 when the Annual Chettyar Procession with the Hindu Idol on the occasion of the "Thai Pousam" festival, was proceeding along Fraser Street, is alleged to have been pelted with glass bottles from Muslim houses at the junction of the 29th Street. The disturbance was thus precipitated by the hooligan elements but it is also suggested that the communal feeling had been aroused after the observance of the "Deliverance Day" last month and the "Independence Day" on January 26, inflamed possibly by writings in the Indian Vernacular papers.

PROCESSION BROKEN UP.

The procession broke up in confusion, one person was killed and several injured. With difficulty the police escorted the chariot containing the idol safely to Mogul Street.

A visit paid to the area twenty minutes after the incident revealed streets with closed doors and people with agitated faces. Police patrols had been posted in many places.

A series of stray assaults began. Hindu and Muslim houses are adjacent to each other and possibilities of incidents of the hit and run variety were many. The police thoroughly searched the houses from where the missiles had been thrown or where hooligans had taken refuge. It is noted that no deaths have been caused by police action.

ARRESTS INCLUDE EDITORS.

On the first day 43 people were injured, thirteen of them seriously. One was killed. On the second day, the police made a round up of several men including some Editors of Indian Vernacular newspapers under the Defence of Burma Rules.—A. P.

Over Lakh And Half For B. P. Red Cross

The following is the first list of subscriptions to the Bombay Presidency Red Cross Fund:—

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Bombay I—Programme

8 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. Prarthana. 8.15 News in Mar. 8.20 News in Guja. 8.25 Nissar Ahmed of Baroda. 8.40 News in Hin. 8.50 News in Eng. 9.00 Topical talk (Mar.) 9.15 Records. 9.20 Two Bhavgeets. 9.30 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9.40 Songs from Kan-gan. 9.50 Nissar Ahmed.

12.30 p.m. A musical variety. 12.57 News in Hin. 1.00 Mutual understanding. 1.25 What shall we cook today? 1.30 News in Eng. 1.35 Lunch hour music. School Broadcast. 2.30 Musical prelude. 2.35 English Literature. Talk. 2.50 Some Indian ragas. 3.00 Playlet in Marathi. 3.10 You asked for. 3.15 Selected by Munawwar Husain. 3.25 News in Mar. 3.30 News in Guja. 3.35 Selected by G. C. Beni. 3.40 Selected by Munawwar Husain. 3.45 News in Hin. 3.50 Rajanikant Desai. 3.55 Purvi Chetani. 4.00 Nissar Ahmed. 4.05 R. H. Nissar. 4.10 A I R artist, reads from 'Anarkali'. 7.15 Sunderbhai. 7.30 Rajanikant Desai. 7.45 Nissar Ahmed. 7.50 News in Guja. 8.00 Sunderbhai. 8.45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8.55 Talk of the town. 9.00 News in Hindustani. 9.20 News in Eng. 9.30 Shantaram. 9.40 News in Mar. 9.45 News in Guja. 9.50 Shantaram. 10.00 Shantaram. 10.05 News in English.

Bombay II—Programme

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SUGAR CANE CROP
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Area—The total reported and estimated area under the crop now sown is noted below—
Bombay Province. Acres.
British Districts 84,000
Indian States 40,000
Total 124,000
1938 and 29.1 per cent, respectively over the final revised area of the last year and the average actual area during the preceding ten years. The almost general increase in area in the Province was mostly due to favourable prices of Gul last year.

SEASON
In Gujarat, the crop suffered in growth due to deficient rains and in adequacy of water supply in irrigated areas especially in the northern areas and would result in reduced yield. There was no pest or disease except the white ants attack in places in the north. In the Deccan, the season on the whole was fairly satisfactory although in the south-eastern tracts of the Division, it suffered in its full development due to inadequate rainfall and long breaks during the period of growth and is expected to yield somewhat below the normal on this account. The crop in the Karnataka also has done fairly well except in parts of the Dharwar District where it suffered from the deficiency of water supply. The crop in the Deccan, the field rate in parts of the Bijapur District. The crop in the Konkan is reported to have progressed well on the whole.

OUTPUT
In view of the seasonal conditions described above, the crop in Gujarat may come to about 67 per cent of the normal in the Surat District but about 50 per cent of the normal in the remaining parts of the Division. In the Deccan, the estimated output of the crop may range between 83 and 88 per cent of the normal except in the Karnataka, the output and the average may come to about 75 per cent of the normal in the Deccan and Bijapur Districts, but only about 62 per cent of the normal in the Konkan is expected to yield about 75 per cent of the normal.

The total estimated output of Gul works out as shown below—
Bombay Province. Tons.
British Districts 214,000
Indian States 112,000
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1938 and 29.1 per cent, respectively over the estimated output of the actual area of the last year and the average estimated output of the actual area during the preceding ten years.

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Our Readers' Views

"Government Servants And Domicile"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—The appointments of the Public Service Commissions in the Provinces has come into existence with the introduction of the Provincial autonomy. The function of these Commissions is to effect recruitment for the Provincial Services, from the persons domiciled in the respective provinces. In fact the functions of these commissions are advisory in character. The recruitment is also carried on by the heads of the departments observing the same policy as that of the commissions. The Provincial Governments have before the present reforms had been observing the policy of recruiting persons domiciled only in their respective provinces, for the provincial services as observed in the Joint Committee report on the Indian Constitutional Reforms (Vol. I, Part I) at page 175. Appointment to these services was made by the Provincial Governments who broadly speaking, control their conditions of service and show increasing tendency to restrict their recruitment to the candidates from the Province.

The Public Services Commission to whom this work is delegated is absolutely strict in observing this rule. Heads of the department, too are expected, to effect recruitment from the persons who are domiciled in the respective province. I understand that very recently the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C. I. D., Bombay Province appointed one candidate domiciled in the Province to the post of the Assistant Commissioner of Police. It is my information that, it is because that there was no suitable candidate from our Province. Will the Government go into the matter and find out why this departure from the legal practice.—Yours, etc.,
X. Y. Z.

Japanese Goods

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—One feels rather amused after a deep thought over the relationship between India and Japan. A large share of imports into this country come from Japan, and can hardly say that most businessmen in India reap a great harvest by selling Japanese goods. One would really admire the popularity of Japanese goods in the Indian market. Although consumers in India are attracted towards the Japanese made articles, one feels sorry when the "Made in Japan" article is criticised, condemned and exploited by businessmen and consumers alike. It is absurd to find merchants comparing a Japanese article with the lowest price with a foreign article worth 3 or 4 times higher. One would in fairness to Japan appeal to the importers and consumers of Japanese goods to be more courteous to the country on whose exports they are depending for their fortune.—Yours, etc.,
GUILHERME PINTO.

The Poor And Hospitals

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—Allow me to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to my experience of the J. J. Hospital where, unfortunately, I had taken my three years' old child for treatment. My daughter was ailing from jaundice and it was the 8th of December when I took her to the J. J. Hospital, where accepting the advice of the doctor, I got her admitted into the hospital. On the 9th and 10th I and my wife went to attend to her. She was all right and it seemed to me that she was progressing. But on the 11th when I went there at about 4 p.m. I was pained to find her in a worse condition and unconscious. This put me to anxiety and I tried to find out the cause of the condition. I was told that she was given some medicine of the sort to keep her quiet, as she was ailing very much. The ward-sister told me she would awake after three hours. Time passed on, but the child was still in the same condition. Then I became distressed and to my utter surprise none of the nurses, ward-sisters and even the ward-boy cared much for my queries and did not even take me to the doctor's room when asked to do so. Not only did they turn a deaf ear to my request, but they also refused to let me see the child. I was told that she would not wake till 5 p.m. I shouted for help and someone led me to the doctor. He asked me how he behaved to me at that moment. He said that I had no right to interfere in their work and that he was busy with the patient. I desired. Such was the answer of a responsible man in the position of a physician who is ever bound to be as meek and gentle towards the patients, as anything. I took it very ill of course and asked him to discharge my child, which he immediately did and I brought the child home in the same senseless condition. After a considerable length of time she awoke, and to my utter dismay I found her in a delirious condition and also that she had lost her eyesight. She could not see anything but my hand. She began to cry, to rub her eyes and became fretful. I hurried to my private physician who told me that her condition was serious and advised me to take her to J. J. Hospital immediately. I obeyed, and ran to the Hospital to report to the doctor there all about the case. He ran through to the B. J. Hospital after he had the child visited and admitted her. This was the 11th December at about 8.30 p.m. Up to the 11th there was nothing to worry about. The doctor came and she began to cry and weep perhaps because of many injections she was given. At this she was given some medicine to make her quiet. She was then taken to another room for injection and brought back after a while. Her condition further worsened and she became more restless and her mother, feeling uneasy, called for the ward-sister, nurse, and the boy, but all in vain. This upset her. In her shouting loudly the doctor came, injected again and tried to awaken her, but the patient in that condition was quiet for ever. I want to ask if the physicians

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Marva-Manori Ferry
"INTERESTED" says: "The competitors for tender of the Marva-Manori Ferry are prevented from taking part in the auction of that property as the Local Board has inserted an extra clause whereby the Marva-Manori Ferry is excluded from public auction."

ought to be so ungentle and unfriendly to the poor? Will the Government care to enquire into the allegations as to their ill-treatment by its own sources.—Yours, etc.,
ABDUL MAJID.
Top Floor, Room No. 48 A, Bombay, 8.

Muslim Unemployment

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—I have appealed to Muslim Leaders several times to pay attention to the unemployment of the Educated Muslim in particular and needy and poor Muslims in general. Muslim Leaders always lay bare their hearts in public and show their sympathy for the community and appear to be ready to make sacrifices but when the real occasion of the help and recommendation arises they simply try to evade it and as a result nothing is done.

Having spent nearly ten years of my life in co-operating with different Muslim institutions and associations in various parts of India and having spent almost two years in Bombay I have had the bitterest possible experience of the Muslim leaders and their attitude towards the unemployed and the poor. I am rather sorry to write that even the most prominent of Muslim Leaders are not doing much for the unemployed and the poor. They are only momentary and it seems they have become quite insensitive. There is no need to look for their means of living as they cannot get any job in the Hindu concern nor they are given a chance in Muslim concerns. They are not interested in the work of the Government Offices and other big concerns. Secretaries, Customs, Railways, Income-Tax, Municipality, Tramways, etc., and the hardships and difficulties I have come across are indescribable. Academic qualification and degrees have got no weight or value, and for technical education and training have got nothing. I have about hundred young, qualified Muslims and I have advised them to go to a deputation to the Government Offices and other big concerns. They have not been able to do so. Their difficulties before them.—Yours, etc.,
M. A. BARI.

A Radio Mystery

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—With reference to the letter of "Listener" in your issue of the 29th January, I stated that both the announcements from the Bombay Broadcasting Station. The first announcement was that the 23rd and 24th of January would be the day of the announcement of the results of the election for the 23rd and 24th of January. The second announcement was that the 23rd and 24th of January would be the day of the announcement of the results of the election for the 23rd and 24th of January. The first announcement was that the 23rd and 24th of January would be the day of the announcement of the results of the election for the 23rd and 24th of January. The second announcement was that the 23rd and 24th of January would be the day of the announcement of the results of the election for the 23rd and 24th of January. The first announcement was that the 23rd and 24th of January would be the day of the announcement of the results of the election for the 23rd and 24th of January. 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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Posh Vad 12, 1935
Muslim: Jilbab 25, 1358
Parsi: Sheherever 3, 1369
High tide: 10-07, 23-16
Low tide: 4-45, 16-21
Sunrise: 7h. 13m.
Sunset: 6h. 34m.
Municipal Corporation 3-40 p.m.
Standing Committee 2-40 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
Improvements Committee at 4-10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

MEISHERI-NAVINGCHANDRA aged 22 eldest son of Dr. Poonsey H. Meisheri died of typhoid yesterday morning. Uthmanas ceremony today at 11 a.m. at his residence.

VIVEKANAND'S 78TH BIRTHDAY Under the auspices of the Vivekananda Society, Dadar there will be a public meeting to-day (Monday) at 3 p.m. at the Vivekananda Hall, when Swami Vivekananda, President of the Ramakrishna Ashrama, Khar will speak on "The Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda".

NEW PHYSICAL CULTURAL HOME The first annual gathering of the Physical Cultural Home, Bombay, will be held on Sunday evening under the presidency of Dhanraj M. Khatau while Mrs. Khatau distributed the prizes. After demonstrations of Physical Education by boys and girls of the institution, the Secretary read the report. The President concluded the proceedings by advising the gathering to pay more attention to the Physical Education of their children.

HINDI LITERATURE IN DECCAN Mr. R. G. Gyan, M.A., Curator of the Archaeological Section in the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, will lecture under P. E. N. auspices on "Glimpses of Hindi Literature in Deccan" to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. at the Royal Asiatic Society, lecture room. Dr. Manilal Patel, Ph.D., (Marburg), Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at Andheri, will preside.

PROTEST MEETING Under the joint auspices of the Civil Liberties Union, the Bombay Students' Union, and the Bharatiya Students' Union, a public meeting to protest against the prosecution of Jashwant Thakar, the General Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation under the Press Emergency Powers Act will be held at Bhamburda Lodge (6-0 n.m. Bridge) to-day (Monday) at 6-0 n.m. Mr. S. V. Parulekar will preside. Dr. K. B. Menon and others will speak.

OLYMPIC Exhibition

Behind Churchgate Station
4-30 to 10-30 p.m.

Entrance Fee

ONE ANNA ONLY

Come and See the
Richly decorated stylish
stalls of manufacturers.
Amusements of all kinds
Merry-go-round, Joy
Wheels, Aeroplane, etc.



IXTH INDIAN OLYMPIC GAMES

OPENING CEREMONY

On PATIALA NAGAR (Churchgate)
On MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1940 at 5-30 P. M.
By Sir CHIMANLAL H. SETALWAD, K. C. I. E., LL. D.,

All the Members of the Organizing Council of the Games and the public are cordially invited to be present.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Goldwyn Follies" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hollywood Cavalcade" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blackmail" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Lion Has Wings" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Anni Nagaria" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Matinee to-day at 1 p.m.

"ISLAMIS" ARRIVAL Intimation has been received from Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Company, Ltd., Bombay, that their s.s. "Islam" left Jeddah with pilgrims for Bombay via Karaman, Aden and Karachi on the 3rd January 1940. She is expected to arrive here on or about the 10th February 1940 and arrangements will be made to disembark the pilgrims in the Prince's or Victoria Docks.

"WORK OF ARDIBESHT AMSHA-SHAPAD IN UNIVERSE" At the Hall on the 3rd floor of Dadyath House, Cowaji Patel Street, to-day (Monday) at 6-30 p.m., (S. T.), Dr. J. Chhangar Sorabji, B.A., will give his 25th discourse on "Cosmogony Work of Ardibeshat Amshashapad in the Universe". All Paris are cordially invited to attend.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL Members of the Council are requested not to send their Voting Paper by post, but to bring them personally during the session of the Council on Wednesday 7th February (morning or afternoon), as already announced in the programme.

IN HONOUR OF MR. B. N. DATAR The Karnataka Sangha, Bombay, arranged a party on Saturday in honour of Mr. B. N. Datar, who returned lately from England after obtaining the M. Sc. (Statistics) degree of the London University. There was a select gathering of Karanataka of Bombay present. Messrs. Madhavi and Joshi among others made short speeches congratulating the chief guest.

BOMBAY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP A meeting of the Bombay International Fellowship will be held to-day (Monday) at 6-30 p.m. in Mr. R. E. Verge's apartment, Y. M. C. A., Lexington Road, to meet Dr. J. Holmes Smith, one of the Missionary Kristagruhi on the eve of his departure for the United States of America.

A. E. S. OLD BOYS' UNION'S ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING The Annual Social Gathering of the A. E. S. Old Boys' Union will be held on Saturday the 10th February 1940, when Mr. K. H. Goregaonkar, Solicitor will preside. The programme will include Tea, Mimicry by Prof. Rhonde, Meeting, Dinner and Concert by Mrs. Hirabai Bhandarkar. The subscriptions are for members Re. 1 and for past students Rs. 1-8-0.

VACCINATION ARRANGEMENTS Vaccination against Smallpox will be done, free of charge, at the following temporary Vaccination Stations—These stations will remain open every day from 8 to 10-30 a.m., (S. T.), except No. 1 which will be open from 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon (S. T.). (1) Municipal Head Office (Health Department). (2) M. N. Petri's Charitable Dispensary, opposite Wilson High School, Khetwadi, Main Road. (3) Shanker's Temple, Nana's Chowk, Tardeo Road. (4) District Registrar's office No. 3, District corner of Baramar Street and Forna Road. (5) Nagpada Neighbourhood House No. 100 New Nagpada Street, near Old Parsi Statue. (6) Lowji Wadia Dispensary, Lakhau. (7) General Education Institute, Boys' School, Akshikar Street, Dadar.

ACWORTH LEPPER HOME The President of the Board of Management of the Acworth Lepper Home, acknowledges the following donations to the Home received during the months of October, November and December 1939—The Hon. Secretary, the Sarawak Hitwardhak Mandali for distributing Indian made dhoties and blankets to the inmates Rs. 50; Mrs. Kahama Row, for distributing sweets and fruits to the inmates in memory of her deceased brother Maj Vijaya Shankar Pandit Rs. 50; Mr. Virchand Meghi Thobhan Rs. 50; A. Parsee Rs. 25; Bai Navabai C. Thanawala Rs. 10; Mr. Sunderrao D. Navalkar, for distributing sweets to the inmates Rs. 5; A. Mahomedan Gendeman 22 Shirts, 22 Trousers, 22 Caps, 3 Sarees and 3 Pokkas. The Indian Red Cross Society, 150 Pillow Cases. The Bombay Women's Work Guild, (through Miss S. P. Jijiboy) 50 Dhoties, 22 Chadders and 25 Blankets. Newspaper—"The Hindu". The President, Acworth Lepper Home, Mr. Rajaram B. Raut, Mr. Murari Deoji, through Varsa Esqr. Mr. Shantiji Mulji Jhaveri, Messrs. Khimji Vilji, Lalji Liladhar and Lakhmichand Khimji, Messrs. Bhankaria Tea Supply Co. The Jain Sangha, through Jivraj Bechar Esqr. Messrs. Santokhi Nanaji Co. Mr. Magani Ramji, Shet Parmanand Ratani, Shet Husehnbhat Amedhabhai, Mr. Shrogi Deoji, Mr. Santokhi Mulji, through the Grain Merchants.

DELHI INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION The Association for the Development of Swadeshi Industries is organizing the 8th All-India Industrial Exhibition at Delhi from the 7th of March 1940. The site selected for this year's Exhibition is situated in New Delhi on the Tisra Road, near Paharganj Police Station. The land for the Exhibition is in close proximity of the New Delhi residents, touching Government staff quarters on one side, Paharganj, Karol Bagh, Qutab Road, etc. on the others.

BARODA FRUIT EXHIBITION An exhibition of fruit, flowers and vegetables will be held in the Public Park at Baroda on 20th and 21st February 1940 under the auspices of the Garden department. No fees will be charged for entering the exhibits. Prizes will be awarded for selected exhibits by the examining committee appointed for each of the sections concerned. Those who desire to participate in the exhibition should obtain the necessary forms fill them in and send their exhibits at their own risk and cost so as to reach the place of exhibition at least 48 hours before the date fixed for it. Further information can be had from the office of the Superintendent of the Gardens Department.

RADIO PIRACY STATISTICS NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 The "United Press" learns that 660 persons were prosecuted and 480 convicted and Rs. 8,325-8-0 was realised as fines as a result of

"A" WARD ELECTION DISPUTE

Election Tribunal Meets

BOMBAY, Sunday. The Congress Election Tribunal composed of Mr. Motichand Kapadia, Mr. Vasantram Jamlatram and Dr. Gandhi met for the first time to-day to consider the complaint filed by Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel in connection with the B. P. C. C. elections from "A" Ward which were held on January 20. Mr. Patel in his complaint submitted that the election be declared invalid as he suspects that the candidature of Mr. Furshottam Tricunddas was supported by more than 400 bogus votes.

Scientist Greets Local Amateur Astronomer

The following is a facsimile of a letter of appreciation addressed to Mr. Padam S. M. Godrej, the well-known local Parsi amateur astronomer, by Prof. Robert A. Millikan, the famous American Scientist and Nobel prize-man who recently visited Bombay:—

Dear Mr. Godrej
I have just received your letter of the 1st inst. regarding your interest in the study of the stars. I am very glad to hear of your interest in this field. I have enjoyed and profited by your work. Respectfully,
Robert A. Millikan

Sedition Case Against Mazhar Ali Azhar

RAWALPINDI, Feb. 3. At the resumed hearing of the session against Maulana Mazhar Ali Azhar, M.L.A., under Sections 124-A and 153-A I.P.C. in the Court of the District Magistrate, Rawalpindi, the Court recorded the statements of Allama Mashrafi, founder of the "Khaksar" movement, Allama Hussain Mir Kashmuri, Editor of the "Zamindar" Lahore and Khan Kabli on behalf of the defence. The case was adjourned to February 14 for arguments and the court exempted the attendance of the accused on that day.—A.P.

Students' Federation Secretary Arrested

BELGAUM, Feb. 4. The local police raided yesterday afternoon the office of the local Students' Federation, and after a search took away some pamphlets concerning elections of delegates to Ramgarh session of the Congress. Mr. Bhanap, secretary of the Federation, who has been taken into custody was later enlarged on bail.—United Press.

RARE OCCURRENCE IN FEBRUARY

Saturday Rainfall In City On Saturday, the weather took a sudden turn and the city experienced a few sharp showers of rain during the day. The total amount recorded was 0.38 inches. The rarity of this rainfall may be gauged from the fact that only twice during the last 30 years the rainfall on a single day in February exceeded this amount. On the 2nd February, 1917, Bombay received 1.60 inches of rain, and on 10th February, 1937, 0.51 inches of rain fell.

Widespread Rainfall

POONA, Feb. 4. There have been fairly widespread rain or snow along the western Himalayas and local rain in the North-West Frontier Province. Fairly widespread rain has also occurred in the plains of the United Provinces and in Bihar while local rain is reported from the plains of the east and north Punjab and from Central India and Assam. Scattered showers have also occurred in the west Central Provinces, the north Bombay Deccan, the north Konkan and Bengal.

Principal amounts of rain are:—Naya Dumka 2", Gaya 3 1/4", Patna 1 1/2", Jalpaiguri 1 1/4", Gauhati 1 1/4", Dibrugarh 1 1/4", Shillong 1 1/4", Mokokchung 2", Moirat 1", Benares 1 1/2", Bahraich 1 1/2", Cawnpore 1 1/4", Agra 1 1/4", Mainpuri 1 1/4", Bhopal 1 1/4", Satna 1 1/4", Sangur 1 1/4", Dabhoi 2", Salkot 3 1/4", Amhala 1 1/2", Ludhiana 1 1/2", Simla 1 1/4", Cherat 1 1/4", and Bombay 1 1/2".

THE RADIO Anti-piracy Campaign during the year 1939 in the eight circles of Bengal and Assam, Bihar and Orissa, Bombay, Central Madras, Punjab and North West Frontier, United Provinces and Sind and Baluchistan. The Bombay Circle heads the list of radio pirates with 171 prosecutions and 105 convictions during the year.—United Press.

"NOT YET TOO LATE TO WITHDRAW"

Bhulabhai On Excess Profits Tax Bill

MADRAS, Feb. 3. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly, in a press statement, characterises the Excess Profits Tax Bill as a measure unjustified, premature and injurious in its results to the Indian industries.

"It is not yet too late," says Mr. Desai, "for the Government of India to decide not to introduce it." He expresses the hope that the Government "will take no step in the direction of creating distrust or to disturb the atmosphere, which Indians on their part are attempting to create, of friendliness and understanding, so that free India may freely choose to bear her proper share in the prosecution of this war."

Mr. Bhulabhai observes: "I regret that His Majesty's Government in England should have inserted in clause 1 of the Government of India and Burma (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill a provision to enable the Government to introduce an Excess Profits Tax. It is a matter of surprise and regret that the Government of India have lost no time in availing themselves of the new power conferred upon them to publish the Excess Profits Tax Bill."

"The amendment of the Government of India Act does not create an atmosphere of confidence which it is necessary to establish in the present exigencies, and especially when the Ministries of eight provinces have resigned as a mark of their non-co-operation in the war imposed upon them without their consent. It is not yet too late for the Government to decide not to introduce the Bill during the ensuing session of the Assembly."—United Press.

OPPOSE THE BILL

Congress M. L. As. Must Attend Assembly, Says Karsandas

BOMBAY, Feb. 3. In the course of a press statement on the Excess Profits Tax Bill, Mr. Mulraj Karsandas says that the imposition of Excess Profits Tax in India is another step to make India an active participant in the present war. As a Congressman he looks upon this measure as one which, if allowed to pass unopposed by the Indian National Congress, will, in his opinion, be tantamount to our being a party in supplying the shovels of war. Mr. Karsandas trusts that the Congress Working Committee will, in order to stand by its War resolution, immediately instruct its representatives in the Indian Legislative Assembly to attend and strongly oppose the Bill.

Goenka's Protest

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3. "The proposed Excess Profits Tax has come as a big blow to the Indian trade and business," said Sir Badridas Goenka in the course of a press interview. He added: "Indian industries are still in an incipient stage, and the Government of India's proposal to take away a substantially large portion of profits made during the war will have a serious repercussion on industrial progress. The proposed tax is not only premature but unjustified, and the Government would be doing distinct disservice to the industrial development of India if they persist in this measure."—United Press.

"Ruinous To Trade"

AKOLA, Feb. 3. Mr. Vinayak Kumar, Secretary of the Berar Chamber of Commerce, has sent a telegram to the Finance Department, Government of India, protesting against the Excess Profits Tax Bill as being "unfortunate, unjustifiable and ruinous to the indigenous industry and trade."—United Press.

Sirohi Govt. To Raise Loan

(From Our Correspondent.) SIROHI, Feb. 2. It is gathered from informed circles that the Sirohi Government's request for permission for raising a loan has been granted by the Political Department of Rajputana States. The plea was advanced that the money was required for starting famine relief works in the state and for advancing tacevati loans to the poor agriculturists. A big scheme for sinking wells and constructing roads, it is said, is under contemplation.

New Regime In Rajkot

(From Our Correspondent.) RAJKOT, (By Mail.) It is reliably learnt that Mr. C. N. Chitoy, the new Dewan of Rajkot has been examining the scheme of Dhanendrasinghi Arts College, which it may be recalled was ordered to be closed during the previous regime and it is quite likely to be continued with such changes in the management that expenditure will be curtailed and that the college will be run by the State without practically spending anything, by making income and expenditure on even scale.

Workers' Demand For War Allowance

GOVT. APPOINT CONCILIATION BOARD

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—The Mahagai (Dearness Allowance) Conference held in Bombay on January 1, 1940, passed a resolution demanding a dearness allowance of 40 per cent. to meet the increased cost of living due to the recent rise in prices. The conference decided not to give a formal notice of this demand to the employers, as required under the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act, 1938, but the workers in some of the mills approached the Government Labour Officer in the matter and elections were held in one or two mills to elect their representatives through whom a demand was made for an increase in wages to neutralise the rise in the cost of living and the Labour Officer is holding meetings of workers in the other mills from whom a representation desiring a proposed change has been received by him.

In view of the general nature and the importance of the dispute the Government of Bombay has appointed a Board of Conciliation for promoting a settlement of the dispute consisting of the following:—Sir Sajba Shankar Rangnekar, Chairman. Mr. J. C. Setalvad and Mr. A. S. Trollop representing Employers. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta and Mr. S. C. Joshi representing Workers. The Board will start its work at a very early date. The workers are advised to put forward their case before the Board through their accredited representatives and not to go on strike. If they resort to a strike the strike will be illegal under sub-sections (b) and (c) of section 62 (1) of the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act which reads as follows:—

A strike shall be illegal if it is commenced or continued: (b) without giving notice in accordance with the provisions of section 23; (c) in cases where conciliation proceedings in regard to the industrial dispute to which the strike relates have commenced, before the completion of such proceedings; Any employee who goes on or joins such an illegal strike is liable to be punished with a fine which may extend to Rs. 25 and in the case of continuing offence with an additional fine which may extend to rupee one per day for every day during which the offence continues subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.

M. N. ROY'S RECEPTION AT PATNA

PATNA, Feb. 4. The large number of people, who flocked to the Railway Station to receive Mr. M. N. Roy to-day had free rides in phaetons and other horse-drawn vehicles. The local coachmen's union had put in all their vehicles for free rides by the processionists, who accompanied Mr. M. N. Roy. The route was decorated with archways and gates at road junctions named after Lenin and other important figures of the Russian revolution. Mr. M. N. Roy is seeing Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, this evening and will address two meetings in Patna. He is likely to stay here till February 7.—A.P.

Nagpur Congress Elections

(From Our Correspondent.) NAGPUR, Feb. 2. The elections of the office-bearers of the Congress Party will also be held along with the elections of the office-bearers of the City Municipality. According to the decision of the Enquiry Committee the resignations of all the office-bearers of the Congress Municipality party and the Municipal party will be submitted to the N. D. C. C. before Friday evening. C. K. NAYUDU FELICITATED The C. P. Hindu Mahasabha accorded a public reception to Major C. K. Nayudu, C. S. Nayudu and the Hindu Team which won the C. P. and Berar Quadrangular this year. Major Nayudu was presented with a welcome address in a beautiful silver casket.

Souvenir Volume Of Ramgarh Congress

SANTINIKETAN, Feb. 3. Mr. G. C. Sondhi, Publicity Officer of the Ramgarh Congress, visited Santiniketan and saw the Poet and the artist Mr. Nandalal Bose. He discussed with them about the proposed souvenir volume of the Ramgarh Congress, which will be compiled with contributions from leading public men and artists.—United Press.

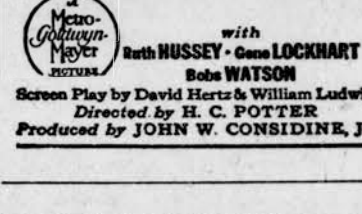
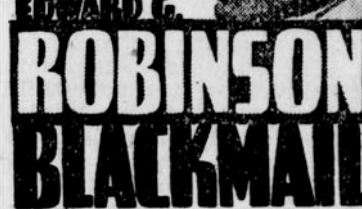
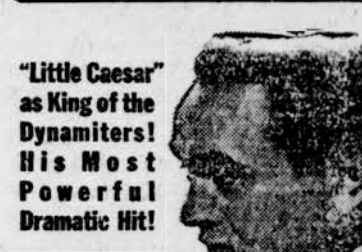
Nasik Delegates To Ramgarh

(From A Correspondent.) NASIK, Feb. 2. The elections of the delegates to the Ramgarh Congress were held on 28th January. There was a keen competition in the Nasik-Igatpur Constituency, 60 per cent. voting was registered. The following is the com-

plete list of successful delegates from the District:—Messrs. Vasant Rao Naik, M.L.A., Gadre, Y. Pipalgnokar, Govind Rao Deshpande, M.L.A., V. Yardi, K. P. Khated, Adke, Lalchand Hirachand, M.L.A., Krishnaji Ganpat Naik, Babarao Kapse, Bhaurao Hire, M.L.A., Jayaram Rao, Gadbasing Velhising and P. S. Bhalaria.



EXCELSIOR 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.



Japanese Claim Big Victory

Twenty Thousand Chinese Left Dead On Battlefield

TOKIO, Feb. 4.
A JAPANESE FIELD DISPATCH STATES THAT BODIES OF 20,000 CHINESE WERE COUNTED ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND HUGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION, ALSO TANKS, AND LORRIES WERE CAPTURED BY JAPANESE NEAR NANNING AND PINGYANG, IN KWANGSI PROVINCE.—Reuter.

Third Reich, A 'Sealed Tomb'

Eden's Reply To Goebbels' 'Gibes' And Hitler's 'Taunts'

LONDON, Jan. 3.
The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking at the national savings meeting at Stratford-on-Avon to-night refuted "the gibes of Goebbels" and "the taunts of Hitler" that the British Empire was a crumbling institution and asserted that the Third Reich was a sealed tomb as far as progress was concerned.

This was no war of aggrandisement, he said, "we seek neither wealth nor territory. This is no clash of dynasties. It is a struggle for international decency. What is at stake is—the rights of all people, small and great, to lead their own lives to think as they will, to worship as they will, to cultivate the arts in freedom and at peace and the right to be free. At the Dominions' Office, I have had an opportunity to watch the association of free peoples at work. There is no shadow of constraint in their character. The great Dominions overseas typify the right to be free."

"BASIS OF OUR STRENGTH"
Mr. Eden continued: "Since the war began, you have heard of the magnificent help which the Dominions have given us in every sphere, military, economic and financial. That help is gathering momentum, that giant effort is swinging into its stride. Its influence may be decisive but in truth, what the Dominions are doing is just one more proof of what they are. The British Commonwealth is an association of free peoples. Therein lies its essential strength. Links are few. In 20 years since the Great War, the constitutional freedom of the great Dominions has been never more clearly marked. If they were free in 1914, they are still freer to-day. Our great strength lies in our greater freedom. All the confident predictions of our enemies, the gibes of Goebbels, the taunts of Hitler, the assertions that the British Empire was a crumbling institution and that in the hour of trial it would dissolve in the run, all these have been utterly falsified. It is not perhaps surprising that Nazi leaders do not understand the true character of the British Commonwealth. If they did, they would not be Nazis. We are not fighting to maintain our outworn system. No assertion could be more false. We are fighting for the possibility of true progress in freedom of mind and spirit. Of such progress, the British Commonwealth is a living example. The Third Reich is a sealed tomb. We must keep this contrast in methods and in aims constantly before our eyes."—Reuter.

OVERTHROW OF HITLER REGIME
Pre-Requisite For Peace
PARIS, Feb. 3.
Unqualified condemnation of the atrocities of the Hitler Regime against Poland and Czechoslovakia and an exhortation to the German people to rebel against it is contained in a declaration issued in Paris by the German Social Democrat Party. The declaration says that the defeat of Hitler and the final overthrow of the new German Regime were essential pre-requisites for peace and reorganisation.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S BUDGET

Million Sterling More For National Defence

ANKARA, Feb. 3.
Defence accounts for over one-third of the total expenditure in Turkey's budget for 1940-41, according to an announcement of the Minister of Finance. The budget which will be introduced in the National Assembly on March 1 totals 54 million sterling which is an increase of two million sterling compared with the last year.

The chief item is 19 million sterling for National Defence, an increase of one million sterling over the previous year, but does not include the unused credits outside the budget still available and it is estimated that about 30 million sterling and 20 million sterling worth of armaments are due from Britain and France respectively under the recent Tripartite Agreement.—Reuter.

ANGLO-JAPANESE "UNDERSTANDING"

Talks Delayed Due To Craigie's Indisposition

TOKIO, Feb. 4.
Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, who has been taking part in the conversations during the past week at the Foreign Ministry regarding the "Asama Maru" incident is in bed with a cold. This may delay matters for a few days.

The "Asahi Shimbun" states that Mr. Arita reported yesterday to Admiral Yonai and Admiral Yoshida on the provisions of an "understanding" which it says was reached on Friday, when Sir Robert Craigie saw Mr. Tani the Vice-Foreign Minister.

The paper adds that upon the arrival of final instructions from London formal memoranda will be exchanged between the British and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

TOKIO SENSATION

Saito Resigns From Party

TOKIO, Feb. 3.
A parliamentary sensation was created by the speech yesterday of Mr. Takao Saito, a leading member of the Minseitō Party, asking in effect what Japan can get out of the Chinese War. The sequel was today the Lower House committed Mr. Saito to the Disciplinary Committee. A motion backed by several parties was introduced censuring the speaker for allowing Mr. Saito's remarks. When the Diet met, the Speaker declared Mr. Saito's remarks had been struck off the stenographic record. Premier Yonai said, "in view of the gravity of the issue involved" he was obliged to repeat Government's policy towards China which Government would pursue with firm determination. Mr. Saito has resigned from the Minseitō Party in order to avoid involving the party over his "slip of the tongue."—Reuter.

Tokio Charge Against American Journalist

TOKIO, Feb. 4.
It is officially announced that James Russell, the young Far Eastern representative of the American International News Service who was arrested on January 1 in Tokio, has been charged with violating three articles of the Army Criminal Code, one of which provides that any one giving false reports regarding military affairs in a time of war or emergency is liable to a sentence not exceeding three years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

JAP. 'PLANES BOMB RY. TRAIN

Heavy Casualties Include 5 French Women

LONDON, Feb. 3.
Japanese war planes yesterday bombed the railway from China to French Indo-China, hitting a northbound train. According to a Shanghai message, 5 French women and children and 20 Chinese were killed and over 100 persons injured. A British naval party in another train gave help to the injured. It is reported the railway has been cut in two places by the raiders.—Reuter.

roduced in the National Assembly on March 1 totals 54 million sterling which is an increase of two million sterling compared with the last year.

DEMAND FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVT.

Jodhpur Advisory Board Criticised

(From Our Correspondent).
JODHPUR, (By Mail).
A public meeting was held in Sardar Market under the auspices of the Jodhpur Loka Parishad to observe the monthly Anti-Advisory Board Day, Mr. Kishore Mal Mehta, presided.

In a lengthy speech Mrs. Jai Narain Vyas dealt with the different aspects of the Advisory Board and said these Boards are mere monuments. The meeting passed a long resolution on that subject demanding full "Responsible Government" within the Jodhpur State.

JOURNALISTS' CONFER.
The Jodhpur journalists met in a conference on January 27 to consider the Press Act of 1923 as amended by the State Council of Jodhpur in December 1939. Mr. Gopal Lal Mathur, Editor of the "Marwar Samachar" was in the chair.

The meeting was of the opinion that the amendments made by the State Council fall very short of the modest recommendations of the Central Advisory Board. The Journalists have formed a sub-committee to get necessary amendments passed, especially the clauses requiring "Mehakma Khas" permission even for printing books, newspaper, charts, maps and plans, etc. and expecting publishers to know the names of the publications banned by the Government of India, Provincial Governments and States with salutes of 11 guns.

DELEGATE FOR RAMGARH.
Munshi Purushottam Prashad Nayyar, president of the Local Congress Committee, has been elected unopposed as a delegate to the forthcoming session of the Indian National Congress to be held at Ramgarh, from Jodhpur.

A QUAIN PROCESSION.
Forty prostitutes and about half a dozen asses were the main features of a procession arranged yesterday by the Government of Jodhpur in order to safeguard the State against the wrath of Sitala Mata, the Goddess of smallpox. A number of motors and lorries filled with palace maids followed the procession which terminated at Kaga. The asses were ceremoniously decorated.

STARVING BHILS KILL COWS

(From Our Correspondent).
SIROHI, Jan. 31.
A report from Rohira Tehsil states that ten cows were shot with arrows by some Bhils (aboriginals) who were starving on account of failure of crops due to scarcity of rains this year. The cow-owners reported the matter to the Tahsildar.

OUT-LAWRY INCREASING.
Reports from the Districts are daily pouring in about the various atrocities of out-laws on peaceful peasantry. Some Bikaneria Rajputs have recently turned out-law on account of certain excesses of Nihal Thakur, who has deprived them of their lands and wells. The State has refused to intervene and the Bikaneris have taken the law in their own hands.

RETRENCHMENT OF STAFF.
A scheme for drastic retrenchment in the State Administrative Staff is under contemplation. It is expected that the Chief Minister himself will take charge of various departments and will relieve the State of the top-heavy expenditure to a certain extent.

Inquiry Into Makrawar Jahagir Affairs

(From Our Correspondent).
UJJAIN, Jan. 30.
The Commission of Inquiry into the alleged acts of maladministration in the Jahagir of Makrawar, District Ujjain, presided over by the Chief Justice of Gwalior, has commenced its work in the Durbar Hall of the Kothi Palace. Raja Saheb of Pahargarh is one of the Commissioners.

Mr. Shirdhankar, Sub-Inspector of Police as complainant, appeared before Commission on the 25th instant. The Thakur Sahib is represented by Mr. V. S. Kedkar counsel, and Mr. V. V. Ayachit is pleading on behalf of the Kisans.

Plight Of Wheat Crop In Sirohi

(From A Correspondent).
SIROHI, (By Mail).
The Resident, Western Rajputana States, has departed after a three days' busy programme at the capital.

On Western Front

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another squadron so seriously damaged the fifth raider that it probably did not reach home. Also, it is learned that comparatively little damage was done compared to the proportion and size of the raids.—Reuter.

BERLIN BOAST

BERLIN, Feb. 4.
A High Command communique states "German reconnaissance planes in the North Sea yesterday attacked British Warships, armed merchantmen and merchantmen in convoys and sank one minesweeper, four patrol boats and nine merchantmen and damaged many other merchantmen, some seriously. Three of our planes failed to return."—Reuter.

HUGE LOSSES OF SWEDEN & NORWAY

OSLO, Feb. 4.
Norway has lost ten ships and 248 sailors, in the past ten days, bringing the losses since the beginning of the war to 40 ships, representing (128,000 tons) and 248 sailors.

During the whole of 1914-18, the Norwegian losses totalled (60,000 tons) and 40 sailors.

Swedish Reaction
An outspoken denunciation of the war on neutral shipping is contained in an article in the "Aften Posten." The article says, "what is being committed against peaceful, unarmed Norwegian and other neutral seamen, is just plain murder and those responsible for it are nothing but murderers."

STOCKHOLM:—The "Dagens Nyheter" declares, "Swedish opinion has every reason to react most strongly against such brutal methods" and says German torpedos of neutral ships is only explicable as "pure terrorism."—Reuter.

Swedish Losses

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Stockholm Radio announces that Sweden has lost 200 seamen from 30 ships since the outbreak of war. The announcer read an extract from a Stockholm newspaper saying:

"Already time seems remote when one heard that the crew had been given half-an-hour to collect their belongings and had been then towed to a safe spot by the submarine which sank their ship. Nowadays, lucky few make their escape on rafts after an explosion so sudden that they do not know whether their ship had been mined or torpedoed."—Reuter.

No Disciplinary Action Against Sir Sikandar

League Working Committee Demands Inquiry Into Firing In Burhanpur

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.
The Muslim League Working Committee passed the following resolutions:—
"The Working Committee accepted with regret, the resignation of Syed Abdul Aziz, which he sent to the Committee on his appointment as Law Member of H. E. H. the Nizam's Government. The Committee places on record its appreciation of his great services to the All-India Muslim League and in particular to Bihar and the Working Committee of which he was a member.

The Committee is glad to note that he will continue to take an abiding interest in the progress of the All-India Muslim League and wishes him ever success in his great and responsible office in the Nizam's Government.

The Working Committee having carefully examined the grounds of appeal against the decision of the U. P. Provincial Muslim League regarding the election to the U. P. Legislative Council from Bulandshahr filed by Kunwar Abbas Salam Khan and having heard in person the Kunwar Sahab together with his legal adviser as one of the opinion that the decision of the Working Committee of the United Provinces Provincial Muslim League should be confirmed and the parties concerned be informed to act accordingly.

SWEDEN ORGANISES HOME DEFENCE CORPS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.
It is announced that the Swedish Government is organising a Home Defence Corps, to be supplementary to the Army and the Army Reserve. Regulations are being drafted by the Swedish Commander-in-Chief assisted by experts. Under the scheme, local organisations will be linked with rifle clubs in each district, and be under the direction of the local military Commander. Units are already being formed in some districts and almost every male in the country is seeking to have rifle practice.—Reuter.

HUGE VOLUME OF BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPPING

LONDON, Feb. 3.
It was officially revealed in London that the volume of British merchant shipping at present, is greater than at the outbreak of war. During the first five months, 480,000 tons of British shipping have been lost, which is 2.6 per cent. of the previous total tonnage, though German propaganda claimed twice as much.—Reuter.

"EXETER" SAFE AT PORT STANLEY

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 3.
The cruiser "Exeter," which was damaged in the battle with the "Graf Spee," is safe at Port Stanley, Falklands Islands, according to newspapers here. It is stated that she has been undergoing repairs, quoting a statement from a doctor, accompanying the British Medical Mission, which has just returned from Port Stanley. The Mission went to attend British sailors wounded in the battle with the "Graf Spee."—Reuter.

British Trawler Eludes German Aircraft

LONDON, Feb. 4.
A homeward bound British trawler yesterday succeeded in eluding the dives of a machine-gunning German aircraft until British fighter planes arrived on the scene. The attack was witnessed by the residents of two Scottish islands, who heard the enemy machine gun for a considerable time before it came in view. The plane afterwards was seen diving at the trawler and when the plane's machineguns were heard the trawler increased her speed immediately and began a zigzag course which baffled the raiders. The appearance a few moments later of fighter planes put a stop to the attack and the trawler was seen to be pursued but the result was not known. The trawler was not damaged.—Reuter.

12 SOVIET 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

HELSINKI, Feb. 3.
Twelve Russian planes were shot down in various parts of Finland.

It is stated that during yesterday's airraids, Russian planes flew over South-East of Finland last night and dropped a few bombs on Port Hango but the damage was insignificant.—Reuter.

HUGE SOVIET LOSSES

HELSINKI, Feb. 3.
A Finnish communique describing the fighting near Summa full weight to the views and sentiments of the Muslim League in regard to the constitutional scheme for India, it could not give any undertaking that no constitutional would be enforced without the consent of the League. He was not prepared to accept the League's claim that it should have a right of veto over any scheme of constitutional advance.

National Guards

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.
The Muslim League Working Committee this afternoon considered the report of the National Guard Committee and adjourned for their consideration of it till the next meeting. The Committee is meeting again to-morrow.

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE DISCUSSIONS

(From Our Correspondent).
NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.
Details are now available of discussions at the meeting of the Working Committee of the Muslim League. It appears the Viceroy's letter to Mr. Jinnah stated that whereas it was unthinkable that Government would not give

Italian Planes Defend Finland

RUSSIA OUT TO SMASH MANNERHEIM LINE

Massing Of Soviet Troops & Tanks In Lake Region

LONDON, Feb. 2.
SOVIETS' NEW BID TO SMASH THROUGH THE MANNERHEIM LINE IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH SCIENTIFIC PRECISION THAT IS ASTONISHING THE FINNS, TELEGRAPHS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON THE FINNISH-SWEDISH FRONTIER.

WAVES OF AEROPLANES, THE INTENSITY OF ARTILLERY BARRAGE, THE SWARMS OF TANKS AND REGULAR ADVANCE OF INFANTRY BETRAY A CO-ORDINATION THAT WAS ABSENT FROM PREVIOUS RUSSIAN ATTACKS.

The Soviet troops playing the main part in the attack in this sector, are estimated to be about one division of infantry supported by an enormous number of tanks. The battle field which is now a chaotic inferno of churned-up bloodstained snow, is fairly open country between the lakes Muolaa and Kuolama which are now frozen, hard.

FINNS RECOVER.
The first onslaught is believed to have made considerable inroads into the Finnish lines but the Finns have recovered and launched counter attacks and regained their positions. If it proves that they have broken the back of the Russian offensive, they have every reason to be optimistic about the defensive qualities of the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns' greatest recent success occurred north of Lake Ladoga where the Soviet are fighting desperately at a number of points to escape a trap in which the Finns are trying to isolate them. Near the shore of the Lake itself, a large body is reported to be making a grim struggle against a ring of Finnish machineguns preventing them from rejoining their main body.

Italian planes have been among the fighters doing defence work in the past few days.—Reuter.

FINNISH ATTACK ON "RUSSIAN COFFINS"

HELSINKI, Feb. 3.
The famous gangster's gun—a sawnoff machinegun—carried by the Finns has proved the master of the Russian surprise weapon, the armed sledges. The Russians have taken up positions at the line behind the from which they started the attack on Summa. They went dragging behind their tanks the new armed sledges which Finnish soldiers have nicknamed "the Russian coffins."

This sector is the most open of any on the Isthmus and most suitable for attacks by tanks and infantry. The Finns consider that if the attack has now been decisively dealt with, it is hardly likely that the Russians will get through anywhere else on the Isthmus.—Reuter.

Finland's Appeal For Men & Munitions

HELSINKI, Feb. 3.
In an interview, M. Rytö again appealed for men, munitions and aeroplanes and reiterated Finland's readiness to conclude an honourable peace.

The only condition was that her sacred rights should remain unimpaired. If the Soviet agreed, the Finnish war could end whatever happened to the other European war, but if it prolonged, probably it might become part of a general European war.—Reuter.

FINLAND NEED NOT LOSE HOPE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.
"The Finns' case is not hopeless" said Mr. Noelbaker interviewed by Reuter. He continued "In view of the fact that Stalin must keep four-fifths of the army for defence on other frontiers. The Russians' full force cannot be employed against Finland. The Russians must obviously have some good plots and soldiers but their general morale seems to be low. I interviewed one young communist prisoner and told him I might be able to arrange his return to Russia through exchange of prisoners. The man implored me to do nothing of the kind."—Reuter.

I. R. A. STILL ACTIVE?

Bomb Explosions In Birmingham

LONDON, Feb. 3.
Following an explosion of a bomb in an omnibus in one of the Birmingham Corporation Transport Department's garages early to-day a search revealed that bombs were hidden in the seats of buses, at a number of other corporation garages. There was only one other explosion, however, all other bombs being discovered before igniting. The bombs are believed to be of I.R.A. origin.—Reuter.

The Half-Column "Dim"

Have you heard the latest story of sabotage in India—about the Englishman, who didn't wear a dinner jacket, on Saturday night? The authorities say that it undermines the prestige of the Raj.

Indian leaders have seen the Viceroy, but what is more important, is a glimpse of the promised land.

"Elizabeth and Essex" is not a film of a motor show.

At the Town Hall a dog show—Fido to the fore!

One Englishman in India solves a Cross-word Puzzle. Two Englishmen play Golf. Three Englishmen tell each other ribald stories. And when they are four, they feel they constitute the Empire.

The public came back satisfied from the races on Saturday. No one had time to lose—not even the bookies.

Incidentally, a gentleman, (I won't say where he lives) who has an over-enthusiasm for French says that Passetpasse II, is a French word and should, therefore, be pronounced Papa II. You can overdo almost anything.

A great Bengal lawyer is trying to find out whether the Sarda Act applies to Mickey Mouse and if so Walt Disney would be banned in India. They'd ban almost anything in Bengal.

When the Aga Khan returns to Bombay it will probably be mutually agreed upon to call him Muslim Leader No. 1. Mr. Jinnah will then become Muslim Leader No. 2.

CO-OPERATIVE NOTES

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Fights. What has happened to China's big cities has happened to her large scale of industries also for they were naturally centred in the big cities. They were destroyed. But China adopted to her industries the same technique that she chose for fighting Japan. The place of big industries was taken by small plants installed in out-of-the-way places, reasonably safe from the prying eyes of Japan's air armada. In this situation the co-operative organisation was indicated and China decided to adopt it wholeheartedly. This is how they set to work.

There was drama too, in the industrial co-operatives. Starting with bare hands, they are building slowly an economic structure that may be very important in the reconstruction of China. Those co-operatives cannot win the war—unless the war lasts a great many years—but they can do a lot for the desperate Chinese people. They must of necessity build slowly and from small beginnings. There are no precedents to follow, no ready-made organisation with tested rules of safe procedure and proper accounting methods. There is a lack of trained promoters, a lack of skill and training among the people who must build these societies. There is a barrier of illiteracy. There is a lack of materials and the necessary hand tools with which to work. The Government is helping, making loans, providing personnel to direct and guide the movement, setting up safeguards. The leaders are trained men, sincere and earnest. Most of them left good jobs in Shanghai—well-paying jobs—because they believed in the possibilities of the movement and its importance in this emergency.

No Alternatives To Constituent Assembly

Jawaharlal On Britain's Possible Change Of Heart

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 3. "I am not prepared to accept the argument that a revolution, in its popular sense, is always a necessary precedent for its culminating in the formation of Constituent Assembly," observed Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru this evening in the course of his inaugural speech at the Allahabad Students' Conference.

If Britain Changes Her Heart

"Supposing that owing to circumstances created or evolved the British Government come forward and say that they are prepared to meet our demand for a Constituent Assembly and the Indian Constitution be drawn by it, shall we or shall we not accept the terms? Is it necessary that we should still pursue revolution?" Pandit Nehru asked.

He said he considered that if the British Parliament did so, it meant that the British mind had undergone a great revolution (psychological revolution though), and hence it was equally good as far as the attainment of our objective was concerned.

He believed that after the British commitment to such an undertaking before the world, she dared not go back, and in the meanwhile conditions would so rapidly strengthen themselves that England would fall to go back on her word. India would well take care to see Britain dared not go back on her word. "Is, in such a case, revolution on our part necessary?" Pt. Nehru asked.

NO ALTERNATIVES

Pandit Nehru said that the Con-

stituent Assembly would have Muslim members elected by the Muslim public, though the final constitution might not include separate electorates. He said he had no faith in round table conferences or an all-parties conference as means to draw the constitution, as they would not contain representatives of the mass of people. The Muslim League should have no fear as it would also be represented on the Constituent Assembly as it was considered by Muslims as representative.

WHAT DICTATORS HAVE DONE

The speaker remarked that the new world order which was to come had given rise to new classes. But they were not yet strong enough to cope with the situation and handle it. In the meanwhile the world was going through the present chaos. Pandit Nehru did not take Hitler or Mussolini as able men to make an epoch, as they had retarded social revolution—from democracy to dictatorship.

Mrs. Uma Nehru presided over the conference and Babu Purnottamdas Tandon welcomed the delegates and visitors.—United Press.

GERMANIZING POLAND

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sents Hitler's opinions in regard to an extended range of subjects including religion, racialism, democracy, propaganda, military matters and above all, foreign conquests. The range in reality is much wider. Out of Rauschning's account, ably drawn, Hitler emerges as a person, audaciously imaginative and ferociously purposive, with burning thirst for power, inclined to adopt the most brutal methods ingeniously thought out to advance his desires and schemes, a man at once shrewd in ways, fanciful, cunning and ruthless about a "mission" of his. Rauschning's book is one that will surprise, shock, amuse, and curdle blood. Inasmuch as his purpose is to enable a close understanding of Hitler in regard to questions of wide and paramount interest, he succeeds admirably, even more than that amazingly frank book of Hitler himself, "Mein Kampf."

Shop-assistants' Demand For Cheap-Rent Housing

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, (By Mail). Ahmedabad Gumasta Hitwar-dhak Sabha's resolutions asking Government, local self-governing bodies, Millowners and public institutions for providing cheap-rent houses in face of lower scale of wages and increment in the prices of commodities, have been forwarded to those concerned.

Cawnpore Textile Institute

The Annual Prize Distribution and Social Gathering of the Government Central Textile Institute, Cawnpore, will be held on 7th February, 1940, at 4-30 p.m., under the presidency of Lala Shri Ram of Delhi Cloth and General Mills Co., Ltd., Delhi. A drama "Bharat Gourav" will be staged by the students of the Institute on the 8th night at 8-0 p.m. The invitations to the ex-students have been issued but such of those as have not received them in time are requested to attend.

Our Delhi Letter

ALLIANCE BETWEEN LEAGUE AND PRINCES?

Provincial Advisers At Labour Conference

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29. Crowded with activities of various kinds have been the last few days. Important visitors both from the Provinces and the States have been with us. For the first time the newly installed Advisers who are carrying on the administration in the provinces after the resignation of the Congress Ministers sat in an important inter-provincial conference—the Labour Conference. They were in a curiously anomalous position because they were not in a position to commit their Government to any particular line of action. Some important subjects like the recognition of trade unions, unemployment assistance, legislation to relieve indebtedness among industrial workers, etc., were held over for the next meeting as they involved large questions of policy.

In regard to those questions which were entrusted to the Central Government for preparing the necessary legislation, it was decided that the views of the Provincial Governments should be obtained on the draft bills, when ready, and they should all come up for final consideration at the next meeting.

LEAGUE SHOULD FACE FACTS

Next week will see the beginning of further political talks between the Viceroy and Mahatma (Gandhi). The demand for a Royal Commission was made by Mr. Jinnah personally and cannot, therefore, be regarded as an official demand of the Muslim League.

The Constituent Assembly scheme raises some difficulties owing to the attitude of Mr. Jinnah, but if the constructive suggestion which has recently emanated from certain influential quarters finds favour, it may show a way out. This suggestion is that a committee of leaders should be immediately appointed, if possible with the Viceroy as its Chairman, to go into the question of the minorities and evolve an agreed solution. If this proposal is acceptable to Mr. Jinnah, an understanding can easily be reached on the other points.

ASSEMBLY SESSION

Whatever may be the lack of sensations owing to the absence of the Congress Party, there is at least one sensation provided by the Government for the opening day of the Assembly—the Excess Profits tax. The Government has not yet announced the date from which it is proposed to collect the tax.

ALLIANCE BETWEEN LEAGUE AND PRINCES?

The Princes have come and gone after formally meeting the Viceroy. It is not happy augury for the reconstituted Princes' Chamber that there was difficulty in getting a quorum for the first meeting of their new Standing Committee. No wonder people ask how it is possible for the Princes to federate with British India if they are not even able to federate among themselves and show some unity and common understanding. It was noticed that Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan was particularly active in meeting the Princes and having long discussions with them. It is commonly reported that he is anxious to promote an alliance between the Muslim League and the Princes for working the future Federal Government and for smoothing the way for Provincial autonomy. There is also a move to persuade H.E.H. the Nizam to accept the Chancellorship of the reconstituted Chamber, but though he is expected to visit New Delhi this spring, it is very doubtful whether he will actively associate himself with the Chamber.

LESSEN BURDEN ON MUNICIPALITY

Sardar Patel Opens Surat School Building

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, Feb. 4. In the presence of leading citizens and Municipal Councillors, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel performed the opening ceremony of Maniben Khandeshwala Primary School Building, which has been built by the Municipality at an expense of nearly Rs. 21,000 on a plot of land presented by Shrimati Maniben Khandeshwala valued at about Rs. 11,000 this evening.

Dr. Ghia, M.L.A., President of the Municipality, referred to the donation of Shrimati Maniben Khandeshwala and said that the Municipality had six school buildings and had resolved to build one more school building for Urdu school. He hoped that citizens would assist the Municipality by giving donations.

After performing the opening ceremony, Sardar Patel in his speech paid tributes to Shrimati Maniben Khandeshwala and appealed to citizens to assist the Municipality to build school buildings and lessen the burden of the Municipality.

Sardar Patel also addressed a meeting of students held at the Besant Hall this evening.

RATE-PAYERS TAKE OBJECTION

Calcutta Corporation's Donation To Congress House

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4. The "United Press" understands that the Government Auditor has asked for and obtained reports of the proceedings of the meeting of the Calcutta Corporation held on January 30 last at which a capital grant of Rs. 1,00,000 was made to "Mahajati Sadan," (Congress House) for the construction of a Library Hall and rooms and gymnasium for the Sadan.

RATE-PAYERS' PLAIN

It is further understood that a copy of the plaint shortly to be filed by some rate-payers before the High Court has also been forwarded to the Government auditor. The Solicitors for the said rate-payers have already intimated to the Corporation that they had been instructed to file the plaint and that the Corporation should not hand over the money until the plaint was heard.—United Press.

Bengal Artist For Ramgarh

KRISHNAGORE, Feb. 4. Mr. Kartik Chandra Pal, the well-known modeller and artist of Krishnagore, has been engaged for decoration of Ramgarh Congress Nagar with art models of Krishnagore. Mr. Pal starts for Ramgarh on February 7.—United Press.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who arrived here in the morning from Cuttack left for Bombay this evening.—United Press.

Protection Of Cows In Famine-stricken Areas

(From A Correspondent.)

"Akal Go-Kasht Nivarni Sabha Brindaban has been rendering services to protect the famine stricken cows from the drought area of Bhowani, Dadri, Rewari, Narnaul, etc., by shifting them to such places where fodder and water are available. The Sabha opened a special centre at Dig where these cows are kept, and given shelter. Up to this time about one thousand of cows have been redistributed in the district of Dig with co-operation of the Bharatpur State authorities.

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W. I. Tennis Championship

Miss Leela Row's Further Triumphs

Azim Betters Bekkevold: J. Mehta And Sister Troubles The Champions

Miss Leela Row had a successful afternoon in the Western India Tennis Championships when she annexed the Women's Singles' Title, beating Miss K. Haji fairly easily. Then in partnership with E. V. Bobb she got the better of Jimmy Mehta and Miss Mehta. This promotion was earned after a dour struggle. Mehta after his accident and compulsory no-tennis has got into his stride "ek dum" and Miss Mehta, as already mentioned, in these columns, is destined to close laurels in tennis competition. Her game on Sunday was very impressive and it is decidedly on the upward grade.

Coming to the Women's Singles final, Miss Leela Row is playing on the top of her form. She has classified all opposition in the two most important tournaments this year. She touched grand form on Sunday and drove volleyed and smashed with striking success.

A fine encounter of the afternoon was the Azim-Bekkevold clash. Azim triumphed over Denmark's No. 2 player. The winner displayed keen anticipation and his game in general was crisp and consistent. Except for some good passing shots, Bekkevold was not quite the Bekkevold we have seen often. A critic cannot quite say he was off-colour, Azim on Sunday was the better player.

RESULTS
MEN'S SINGLES: Bobb beat Gupta 6-4, 6-1. Azim beat Bekkevold 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.
LADIES SINGLES: Miss Leela Row beat Miss K. Haji 6-2, 6-2.
MIXED DOUBLES: Miss K. Haji and Bekkevold beat Mrs. Bell and Myrton, 3-7, 6-1. Miss L. Row and Bobb beat Miss Mehta and J. Mehta, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.

TODAY'S MATCHES
COURT NO. 2: 3-45 P.M. Men's Singles (Final) E. V. Bobb vs. S. A. Azim; 6-45 p.m. Men's Doubles (Final) Ray and Myrton vs. Bekkevold and Limaye, followed by Mixed

Tiruchengodu Gandhi Ashram's Activities

The Report of the Gandhi Ashram, Tiruchengodu, states:—
The Ashram is the South Indian Branch of the Gandhi Seva Sangha. With the close of the year 1939 it has completed 15 years of its existence. The main work of the Ashram is Khadi Production. The Ashram's activities cover also Anti-untouchability work, revival of other village industries, running of schools for Harijan children in their localities, rural, medical relief, etc.

The Ashram has been endeavouring successfully to give 0-3-0 spinning wage per day of eight hours work. A Khadi weaver on the average is earning 0-7-6 per day and his work is assured. The handloom weaver who uses mill yarn is under greater difficulties

regarding marketing his finished goods. But the Khadi weavers are assured of their wages by the A. I. S. A. and allied bodies. There are in India 90 lakhs of handloom weavers to-day. If Khadi is taken by all people for wear the number of handloom weavers to produce the requisite yardage of Khadi will be more than doubled. This will result in a mass scale drive against unemployment.

HARIJAN WORK
The Ashram runs 4 schools for Harijans. It runs a Hostel at Tiruchengodu and accommodates 17 Boarders. It is intended for Harijan boys reading in the Board High School at Tiruchengodu. The Hostel has a warden who helps the boys in their studies.
We appeal to friends to help us in our work—especially in our non-Khadi social work—which requires at least Rs. 4,000 in the year. Donations small or big will be gratefully acknowledged. It is only lack of funds that stands in the way of expanding the scope of our service.

Gurukul Kangri Anniversary

(From A Correspondent).
GURUKULA KANGRI.
(By Mail).
The anniversary of the Gurukul University, Kangri, Haridwar, will be celebrated this year from the 22nd and last till the 25th of March, 1940, both days inclusive. Admission of new Brahmacharis have begun. Applicants should not delay as only a limited number of Brahmacharis will be admitted. Boys of more than nine years will not be admitted.

Jwalapur Gurukul

The Governor, Gurukul Mahavidyalaya, Jwalapur, Haridwar, writes:—

The thirty-second anniversary of Gurukul Mahavidyalaya Jwalapur, will be celebrated from 22nd March to 25th March, 1940, on this occasion Premsamiti, Vidvatkalaparisad, Ved Samilan, Arya Samilan, Hyderabad Satyagraha Samilan also will be held.

SATYAGRAHIS TO BE HONOURED.

In Satyagraha Samilan the Brahmacharis, Pandits and other workers of Gurukul Mahavidyalaya who offered Satyagraha in Hyderabad State will be given the title of Dharanratna by Mahavidyalaya Sabha and the title of "Dharmaraj" by the Sarbodhishik Sabha to these Satyagrahis. And on 24th March, the Sanatak Samaroha will be celebrated.

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OLYMPIC EXHIBITION

Director Of Industries Performs Opening Ceremony

The Ninth Indian Olympic Games has an exhibition as a part of its many activities.
On Sunday the Olympic Exhibition was opened by Mr. P. B. Advani, Director of Industries. In doing so Mr. Advani touched on the industrial backwardness of India and said that advanced industrial nations depended largely on exhibitions on boost and encourage industrial enterprise. He congratulated those in control of the Ninth Indian Olympic Games of conceiving the idea of an exhibition though the Games, one would have thought, were a purely sports fixture. He hoped all bodies would bear in mind the initiative of Bombay Olympic Association.

A visit to the exhibition will provide a few hours recreation and instruction. There are stalls and side-shows that will pay a visit by young and old.

LEWIS CUP COMPETITION

B. B. And C. I. Win Parel League

There was a hockey festival at St. Xavier's Stadium on Sunday, at which sports fans of North Bombay mustered strong.

The first game in the Lewis Cup Competition was played and the final of the Parel Hockey League followed. Lieut. Colonel S. S. Achary, Director of the Hartmann Institute, presided and Mrs. Sukhey presented the trophies. St. Mary's School land provided music during the function.

Britannia Sports Club were the first team to have the Lewis Cup Tournament, as they suffered defeat at the hands of the Lusitania's "B" losing by three goals to one. The better side won and the winning margin could have been improved on with some effort.

LEAGUE FINAL
The B. B. and C. I. Railway did not have all their own in the Parel League final as the Bombay City Police "B" proved a fighting set of cops, who, though they allowed the Railway run out by four clear goals, fought all the way and never cried halt till time.

In the initial period the winners took the lead through Almeida and crossed over with this advantage.

Resuming the Railway, notched three points despite their opponents' endeavours. These goals came from Almeida, Travav and Almeida.
For the winners, Page, centre half, and Almeida, inside-left, shone. The Police had a good centre half in that veteran player, Kader. Very few men of Kader's age could put up the game he did on Sunday. He did everything that was expected from a man in the pivot position.

All-Maharashtra Youth Conference

The Hon. Secretary, All-Maharashtra Congress Youth Conference writes:—
A highly commendable attempt at organised goondaism was planned at Dadar, when some notorious meeting-breakers of the communalist brand tried in vain to break up the meeting of the Reception Committee of the forthcoming All-Maharashtra Congress Youth Conference.

The meeting was called to hold elections for this Conference. The last date of enrolment was extended, through press notice etc. upto two hours before the actual elections. In spite of this concession some persons, whose only plan was to break up the meeting and thus discredit the Conference, refused to buy tickets and forced their way into the hall.

The organisers even extended the courtesy by allowing these intruders to purchase tickets on the spot. This was too much for the latter. They not only would not agree to it, but tried to create pandemonium.

It must be said to the credit of the organisers that they showed remarkable patience in trying to convince the intruders and accommodate them. Disturbance continued for over three hours. When every effort at solution failed, the organisers succeeded in clearing the hall.

Immediately a meeting was called and it was decided to postpone the elections. A procession was then organised attended by over 500 members of the R. C. besides other youths. It terminated in a huge meeting at Dadar Choupaty under the presidency of Mr. P. B. Rangnekar. It was addressed by Messrs. Deshpande, Vaidya, Taluadin and others. They condemned the communalist intruders and showed how a nation's struggle alone could finally remove this cancer. They explained the character of the forthcoming conference and exhorted the youths to fight under the banner of the Congress for a struggle for independence.

The meeting passed a resolution condemning the goondaism and called upon the youths of Maharashtra to muster strong under the Congress flag.

Irrigation Improvements In Orissa

CUTTACK. (By Mail).
The proposal for continuing the scheme of repairs to minor irrigation tanks in order to afford better facilities for irrigation to the cultivators at places where the water is scanty, during the current year is still under consideration of the Government of

Provincial Hockey

Deccan Sports Go Forward In Championship

KIRKEE UNITED FORCED TO EXTRA TIME BY YOUNG SIDE

Deccan Sports 4 Bombay Gymkhana 1.
Kirkee United 3 Christ Church and Barnes Old Boys 0.
Two out-station teams were seen in action in the Provincial Hockey Championship on Sunday, both sides returned victorious. The Deccan Sports had little difficulty in eliminating the Bombay Gymkhana. Here, four goals to one flatters the Gymkhana.

In the second match of the evening the Christ Church and Barnes School Old Boys played gallantly to take Kirkee United, a crack side to extra time. In this closing phase they, however failed to hold Kirkee and lost by three goals to nil.

GYMKHANA FAIL
Early in the first match it was evident that the Bombay Gymkhana were destined for elimination, as, in the initial ten minutes their goal was bombarded from all angles, two shots from Benjamin, the Deccan Club centre forward, finding the mark. The winners thereafter were not quite serious in the business before them, yet managed to raise their tally to three before the interval, S. Advani doing the needful.

The Deccan Club continued toying with their opponent in the second half. This was a little overdone and they put on pressure. A further goal, however, did not come till immediately before the close, when Tomlinson registered the winners' fourth point.
On the showing on Sunday the Deccan Sports proved that they are more than a useful side and it can be safely said that we will hear more of them before the Championship closes, perhaps in the final.

TO MEET SOVIET MENACE

Muslim Countries Unite

(From Our Own Correspondent).
CAIRO. (By Mail).
Sayed Mohamed Sadik Mujaddi, Aigian Minister at Cairo, interviewed the Under-Secretary of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry for nearly one and half hours. The purpose of the interview is not yet known. Papers surmise here that the Aigian Government is trying to persuade Egypt to join the Sadaad Pact with Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The daily "Al-Balagh" in this connection, reported that the discussion with Egypt has been going on successfully for the past few weeks and most probably a military alliance among the great Muslim Powers, namely, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt will be soon announced. The paper further stated that this step was a reply to the Soviet menace to Turkey and Iran.

REVIEW TRIBAL POLICY

Rai Bahadur Khanna's Suggestion

PESHAWAR, Feb. 2.
The appointment of a committee consisting of officials and non-officials to review the tribal policy is suggested by Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, former Minister of N.W.F.P. in the course of a Press statement.

Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna says: "It is true that the raids and kidnappings generally affect one community but I am sure no Muslim in the Settled Areas will or can feel happy over these irreligious atrocities. Drastic situations require drastic measures.

The present tribal policy of the Government of India, in the matter of the payment of frontier allowances to the tribes, recruitment to the Frontier Constabulary, Scouts and Khasadar Forces, countenancing the indiscriminate manufacture of firearms by the tribesmen, their unrestricted influx into the settled areas and their refusal to extradicate the offenders who find a safe asylum in the tribal territory, requires immediate revision and overhauling."—A.P.

Orissa. An allotment of Rs. 3,400 as well as Rs. 15,000 previously sanctioned has been spent under this scheme by the Government of Orissa during the current year and the results are reported to be satisfactory. The Government has also made a further grant of Rs. 7,000 for repair to the Parkud Ring Bund for protection of ralyats against floods and the work of the repairs has been completed.

Further the Government of Orissa made several other grants in the shape of relief to the flood-affected people in the province. During the current year, an additional expenditure of Rs. 90,000 for "Batavi" boats, was sanctioned.—United Press.

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Have Coalitions In Provinces During War

Bengal Premier's Suggestion For Paving Way To Communal Unity

HUQ'S DETERMINATION TO SOLVE
PROBLEM IN HIS OWN PROVINCE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

A plea for Coalition Governments in Provinces during war time in order to pave the way for communal unity is put forth by the Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal in the course of a statement.

HUQ DETERMINED

Mr. Huq also stresses his own determination to settle the communal differences in his own province of Bengal at a Round Table Conference of the Hindu and Muslim Leaders which he has convened for ensuing Saturday and says: "My intention is not to get up till a settlement is reached, provided there is equal anxiety and goodwill on the other side".

In the course of his statement Mr. Huq says:—

"I have never been so keen to have a communal settlement as I am now. For this purpose I had issued a joint statement with the Hindu Mahasabha leader, Mr. B. C. Chatterji, last week from Calcutta. Since then I have called a meeting of fifteen Hindus and fifteen Mussalmans at my residence on February 10 and my intention is to sit across a table and not get up till a settlement is reached provided there is equal anxiety and goodwill on the other side.

Amongst the Hindus I have invited Mr. B. C. Chatterji, Dr. Shamprasad Mukerji, Dr. Bhikhan Roy and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose. I have every hope of success being achieved."

DON'T MISS THE BUS

Proceeding he said: "I am very anxious that India should not miss the bus at this most critical juncture in her history. I hold that no community or organisation has the right to hold up the progress of the country and therefore in the best interests of the country the present deadlock must be solved and a settlement between the Government and political parties and between parties and parties must be reached at once.

PLEA FOR COALITIONS

"The best solution to my mind is setting up Coalition Cabinets in the Provinces, during the interim period of the war. This is bound to pave the way for communal and cultural unity between the two major communities of India. I am strong enough in Bengal and yet in the best interests of the coun-

try as a whole I am prepared to take Congressmen in my Cabinet."

HUQ REGRETS
Mr. Huq next referred to his recent Jubbulpore speech and said: "I deeply regret that some of the words used by me were not happily chosen. I had no intention of casting any aspersions on the Hindu community as a whole or of injuring their feelings. I attacked the Congress and the Hindu Mahasabha just as I have often been attacked by those two organisations.

START WITH CLEAN SLATE

But neither the Congress nor the Hindu Mahasabha constitute the whole of Hindu community. All the same I deeply deplore my Jubbulpore speech and I hope I will be forgiven by all concerned just as I readily forgive all those who have been attacking me personally times out of number. I am an emotional man and I am carried away many a time. People, therefore, must deal with me softly. Let us now start with a clean slate, and march shoulder to shoulder to our "goal of the country's freedom."

AVOID BLUNDER
In conclusion Mr. Huq emphasised that it would be the biggest political blunder to misunderstand Mr. Jinnah, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan or other political leaders at this juncture. I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Jinnah has a very large heart. He is as anxious for the country's freedom as any other person in the country. But Mr. Jinnah has his responsibilities also and if people realise those responsibilities I am sure the problem confronting the country will be solved very, very soon."

Mr. Huq left for Calcutta this evening.

Solidarity Of Balkans

"Entente" Powers To Observe Strait Neutrality

BELGRADE, Feb. 3.

Two important points of the agreement emerged when representatives of the four Balkan states met for the second day's conference.

Firstly, it is understood each 'entente' power has agreed to give all possible economic assistance to the others by exchange of goods and secondly, that the number of commodity quotas now in force among the 'entente' states should not be increased.

DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC POSITION

Reuter learns that the Council discussed political and economic relations between the 'entente' states and their neighbours and belligerents.

Delicate issues are being avoided at the conference which is generally confining itself to the immediate question of the economic position of Balkans.

It is believed that the most concrete result of the conference will be a decision to establish a Balkans Marketing Board to encourage regional trade.

The Council met twice to-day and is expected to issue a final communiqué to-morrow afternoon.

The communiqué, it is expected, will proclaim that an opportune moment for a settlement of the political problems has not yet arrived, that each member of the 'entente' shall be free to pursue its policy without reference to any other Power and that their attitude towards belligerents remains one of strictest neutrality.

Delegates' Statements

Prominence is given in to-day's newspapers to statements made by four leading delegates to the Balkan 'entente' Conference, stressing the unity and strength of the 'entente'.

The statements were made at a dinner given last night by the Rumanian Minister in Belgrade. Genl. Metaxas said: "The Balkan 'entente' was never stronger or more solid than to-day."

M. Gafencu said "at the meeting, the most complete solidarity of policy of the four states was affirmed."

M. Sarajoglu stressed: "the unity of view and perfect serenity of the conference."

M. Markovitch mentioned the friendly atmosphere and added, "the first session has demonstrated the entire unanimity of the four Foreign Ministers."—Reuter.

LONDON INTERPRETS BALKAN SITUATION

LONDON, Feb. 3.
The attitudes of the Powers indirectly interested in the meeting of the Balkan 'entente' at Belgrade are summed up in London as follows:

Germany is concerned to get supplies of food and oil in ever increasing quantities; secondly, to prevent a military 'bloc' between



Mr. Revashankar N. Vyas, B.A., LL.B., Political Secretary in Bilkhia State, who has been appointed Dewan of Dhrol State by H. H. the Thakore Saheb

SUGAR PRODUCTION & STOCKS IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

On the basis of returns received under Sugar Production Rules, 1935, the Director, Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, Cawnpore, reports the following figures for Sugar Production and Stocks in respect of Central Sugar Factories in India for the fortnight ending December 31, 1939:

Opening stock (at factories) 1,754,965 maunds; production of sugar (for the fortnight) 2,836,698 maunds; despatches of sugar for the fortnight) 951,101 maunds; closing stock at factories 3,640,562 maunds.

These figures relate to 122 factories representing 90 per cent. of the total cane crushing capacity. —United Press.

the powers that would eventually strengthen their potential resistance. Italy has worked for improved relations between Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania and would be glad to strengthen the power of resistance of these states to any Russian advance. Italy, however, is jealous of the role of Turkey in any Balkan 'bloc'. Russia is saving the Bessarabian question for the present. Great Britain and France want to see the Balkan 'entente' strengthened and able to resist both economic and political pressure from outside. It is naturally part of the Allied economic warfare policy to prevent, as far as possible, Germany getting supplies from the Balkans while the Allies have every interest in the maintenance of peace and mutual understanding between all south-eastern European states.

Hungary and Bulgaria, the two states who have claim against the 'entente' states, seem for the time being, to have adopted a moderate attitude. This if the case of Hungary can be attributed to Italian advice and in the case of Bulgaria to the influence of Turkey. In these circumstances, the mere fact that the 'entente' has been automatically prolonged for another seven years is already an important result of the meeting. It is unlikely that there will be any substantial

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Tamil Nad Conference

INDIA'S RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION

If Britain Is Fighting For Democracy, It Must Concede Our Claim, Says Chettiar

ATTUR (Chingleput Dist.) Feb. 3.

"Swaraj is our birthright. We have the right to determine the constitution of our country and the British Government which proclaims that it is fighting for the freedom of the nations of the world must concede this claim. Unless they accept it, we cannot co-operate with them."

The resignation of the Congress Ministers is but the first step to our non-violent warfare. We must be prepared for all contingencies. It augurs ill for a nation if it is unprepared with a war looming ahead. That is not the way of success. Our struggle will be non-violent. Our leader will be Mahatma Gandhi. Let us make ready and follow his behests and orders in every particular and every minute. That is the way to strength, discipline and success."

Thus declared Mr. T. S. Avinashlingam Chettiar, M.L.A., (Central) in the course of his presidential address at the 41st session of the Tamil Nad Provincial Political Conference held at the specially constructed "Rajaji Nagar" here this afternoon.

Mr. Bhulabhai D. Sai, leader of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly, opened the Conference which was attended by about two thousand delegates and ten thousand visitors from all parts of the province.

INDIA AND WAR.
"Things have been moving fast in the political sphere," continued Mr. Chettiar. "The war, though expected, when it burst upon us, was rather sudden. The Congress had anticipated the war for many years and made many resolutions over it from time to time but now the action of the British Government in including India with other British Dominions as belligerent parties to the war with Germany and the sending of Indian troops outside the country without any sort of consultation or consent from the representatives of the Indian people created fresh issues."

WHY JOINT MINISTRIES?
Referring to the question that joint ministries of the members representing the Congress and the Muslim League would be a solution of the present difficulties, Mr. Chettiar said that under the present circumstances these joint ministries would be an absolute failure and would not help in any way in the solution of these difficulties. They would only succeed in making the powers of the Government real.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
Proceeding the speaker referred to the question of Constituent Assembly. "The Congress demand

for a Constituent Assembly elected on adult franchise," he added, "has met with opposition from some quarters. There are those who say that the Constituent Assembly will be a replica of the legislatures of the various provinces and that the Congress will come in a large majority to the Constituent Assembly also. But may I ask what we can do if the people have such confidence in the Congress and return only Congressmen? Surely, that cannot be a valid grievance against the Congress. There are others like Sir Maurice Gwyer and Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan who think that an assembly would be of no use in the matter, but only a small body of learned men can conveniently do this work. But, may I point out to these gentlemen that the contemplation of a Constituent Assembly is not contrary to the idea of a smaller committee. There can be committees even in the legislatures and they will be fully representative of all opinions, in the Constituent Assembly."

INDIA'S MESSAGE.

Concluding Mr. Chettiar observed: "The world is in the throes of a war, which, if it continues, may destroy a large portion of the world and its civilisation. India has a message to offer in these troublous times. Our non-violent war shall be not only for achieving our independence but also to show to the world a higher way of peace and love for the solution of the world's difficulties."—United Press.

Welcome To Delegates

MADRAS, Feb. 3.
That Gandhiji's leadership is the only leadership worth following, was the main theme of address of Mr. M. Bhakta Vatsalam, former Parliamentary Secretary of the Government of Madras, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the 41st Tamil Nad Political Conference at Attur today.

Mr. Bhakta Vatsalam's chief point was that the methods and policy of Mahatmaji were tested by observation and experience as the only means for attaining freedom.—United Press.

CONFERENCE OPENS

ATTUR, (Chingleput Dist.) Feb. 3.
Amidst scenes of great enthusiasm, the 41st session of the Tamil Nadu Provincial Conference commenced here this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. T. S. Avinashlingam Chettiar, M.L.A. (Central). Mr. Bhulabhai D. Sai, M.L.A., (Central), a member of

"Bengal Will Resist"

Only Alternative: Sarat
Bose's Rejoinder To
Rajen Babu

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

"The Bengal P. C. C. has gone to the last limits of conciliation but has been treated with contempt. No further alternative is left to it but to resist," declares Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, replying to a letter written by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the press in connection with the controversy regarding the Bengal P. C. C.

After taking exception to Dr. Prasad's action in publishing his letter in the Press instead of addressing it to him, Mr. Bose states he cannot see how Dr. Prasad can dispute his statement that the A. I. C. C. had a packed majority, a statement which he believed still to be perfectly correct.

BIHAR VIOLENCE INQUIRY REPORT.

After quoting at length from the report of the Bihar Violence Enquiry Committee, the majority of which comment upon the evidence of violence and corruption in the conduct of elections, Mr. Bose declares, these extracts are enough to satisfy the Congress-minded public how far the elections for the Congress under the present conditions can be regarded as a fair and true verdict of Congressmen. Mr. Bose also accuses Mr. Prasad of having kept back the report from the Working Committee and even Mahatma Gandhi.

After referring to some of the findings of the report, Mr. Bose asks, if Dr. Prasad would agree to the setting up of an impartial and independent committee to investigate the charges of untruth, hatred, violence, corruption and the securing of a packed majority by these means. He suggests that that committee should tour the whole of British India, to see evidence and make recommendations.

Referring to the refusal of the Congress President to take a referendum of Indian Congressmen on the question, Mr. Bose says that the technical objection pleaded by Dr. Prasad is not enough to turn down a suggestion to appeal to the basic sanction of democracy.—A. P.

New Urdu Daily For Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI, Feb. 3.

"Desh Sewak" a new Urdu daily, makes its appearance to-day, under the editorship of Pandit Mela Ram Wafa, a well-known Punjabi journalist.—A. P.

the Congress Working Committee, opened the conference.

FLAG HOISTED

In front of the conference "pandal" Mr. Muniswami Pillai hoisted the national flag, under which a large concourse of people including about 1,000 delegates assembled. Unfurling the flag Mr. Pillai said: "Today, Gandhiji leaves Wardha with a view to finding a way to Swaraj, and the hoisting of the flag on this day is of peculiar significance." He hoped that Gandhiji's efforts would be crowned with success.

LEADERS' MESSAGES

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in his message said: "We live in strange and revolutionary times, and vital problems confront us affecting our future. I hope that your conference will consider these problems keeping in view the great objective of Indian independence, and will give a lead to your province to prepare for all trials and struggles that may be in store for us."

Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, sent a message expressing the hope that the conference would lead to strengthening of the Congress organisation in the province and helping in the move of the country to attain its ultimate goal.—United Press.

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THE JUG OF DEATH

